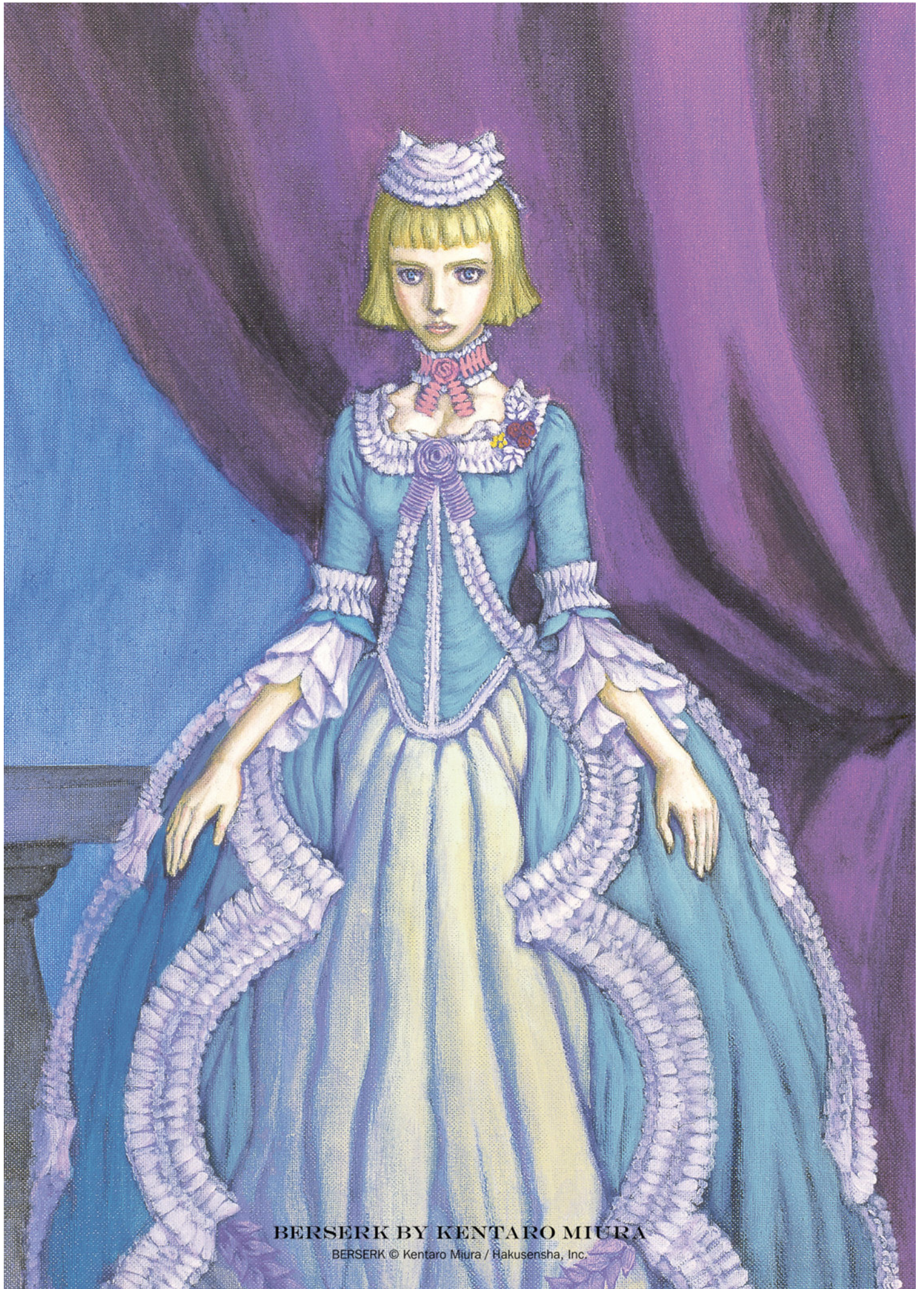


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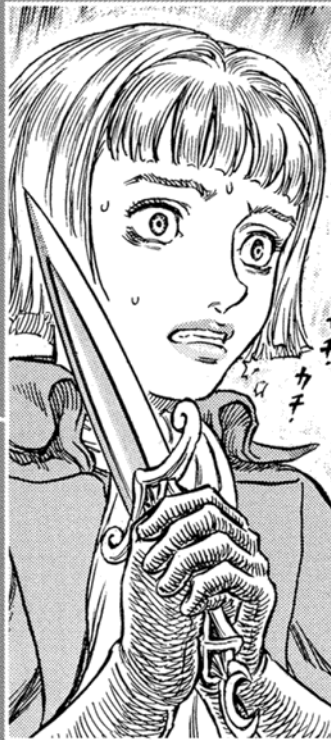


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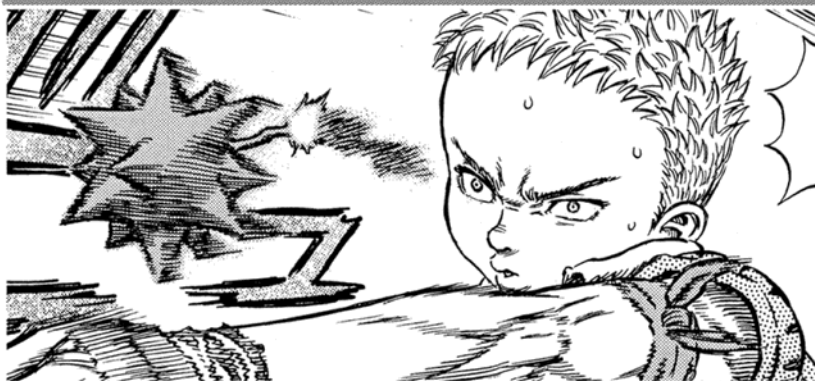
キャスカ Casca

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk—mentally regressed from her experience in the Eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her Brand, which reacts to evil, is thinly shielded by Flora's talisman.



ファルネーゼ Farnese

Former commander of the Holy See's Holy Iron Chain Knights and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival and about the reality of the world.



ガッツ Guts

The Black Swordsman. He exists in the Interstice and wears the Berserker Armor, his soul constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.

イシドロ Isidro

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



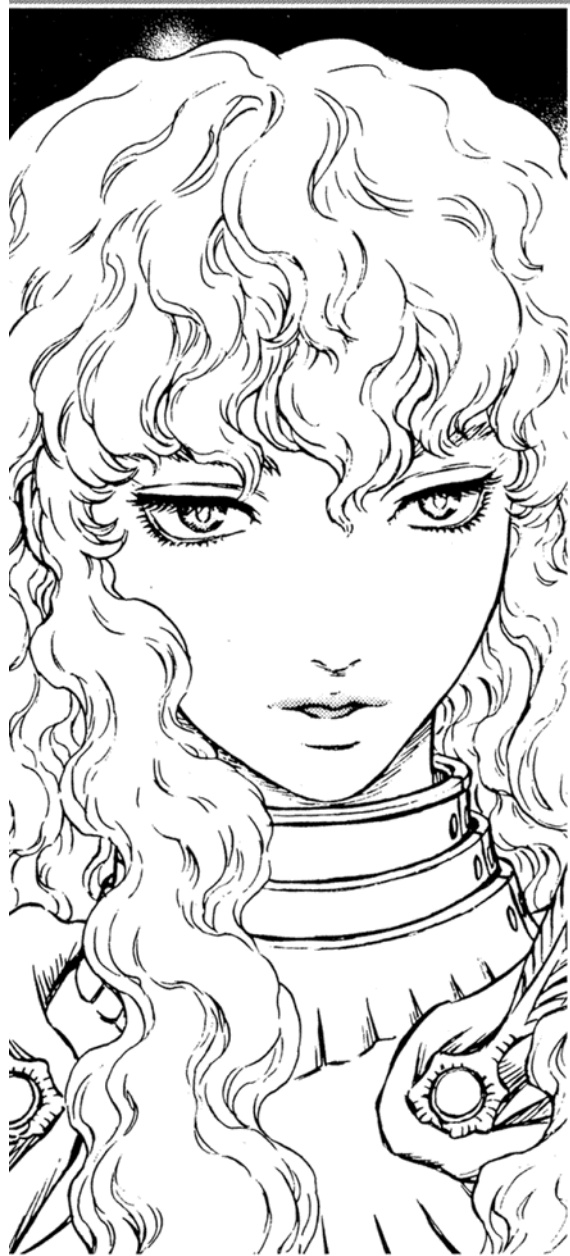
パック Puck

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. Also, he recently confirmed that he's a wind spirit, one of the four types of elementals. He also changes into "chestnut Puck."



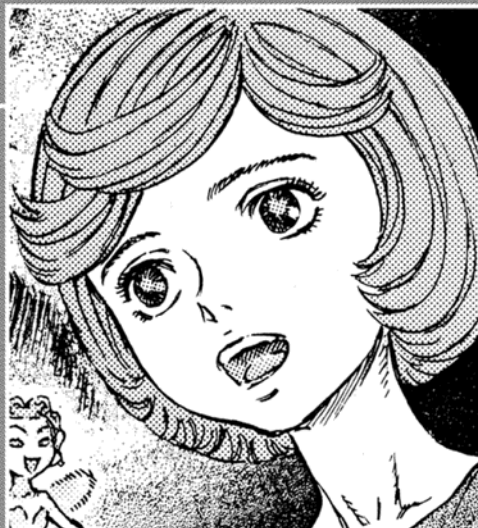
セルピコ Serpico

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother; however, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting and is currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



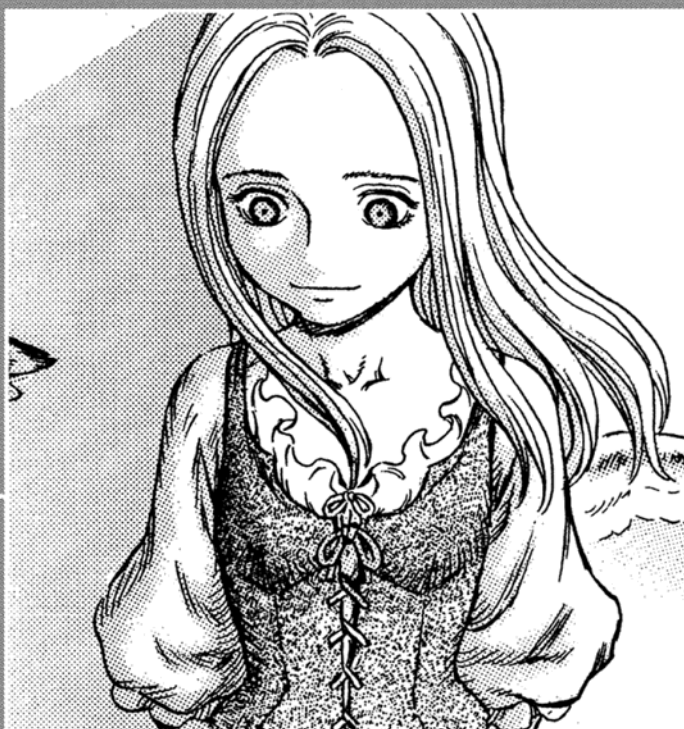
シールケ Schierke

Disciple of Flora, witch of the Spirit Tree mansion. Schierke supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



グリフィス Griffith

Through the Eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, Griffith was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation Eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the "absolute," without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.



ソーニャ Sonia

Sonia was taken prisoner during a Kushan invasion of her city, but was then rescued by Griffith. Due to her abilities, she is now the medium of the reborn Band of the Hawk. She has a free and unbridled personality, but also a showy, courageous side.



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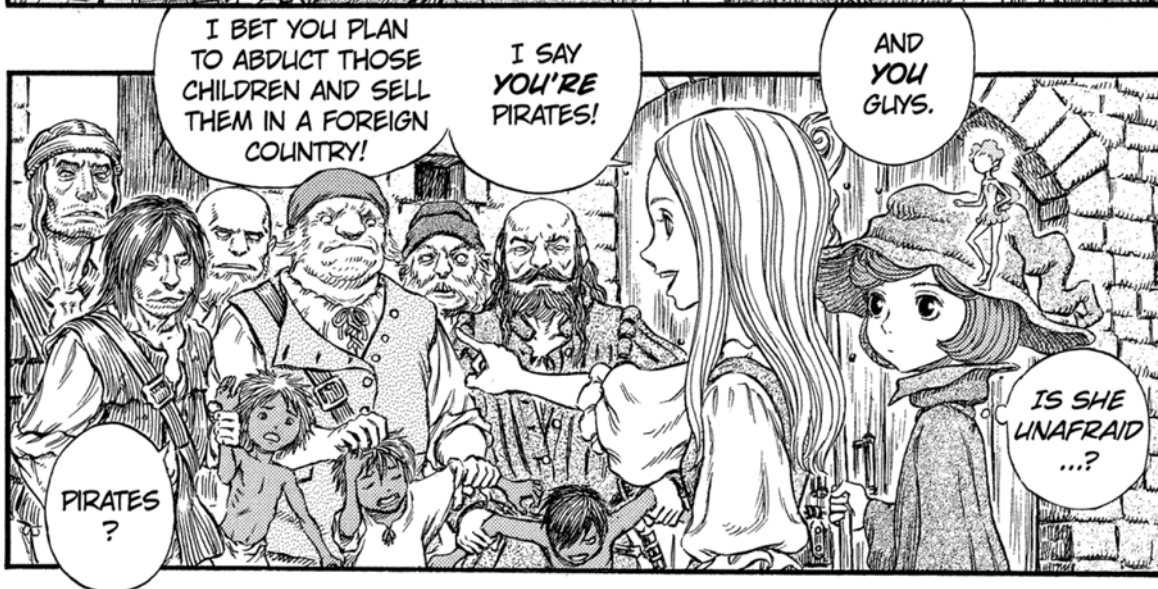
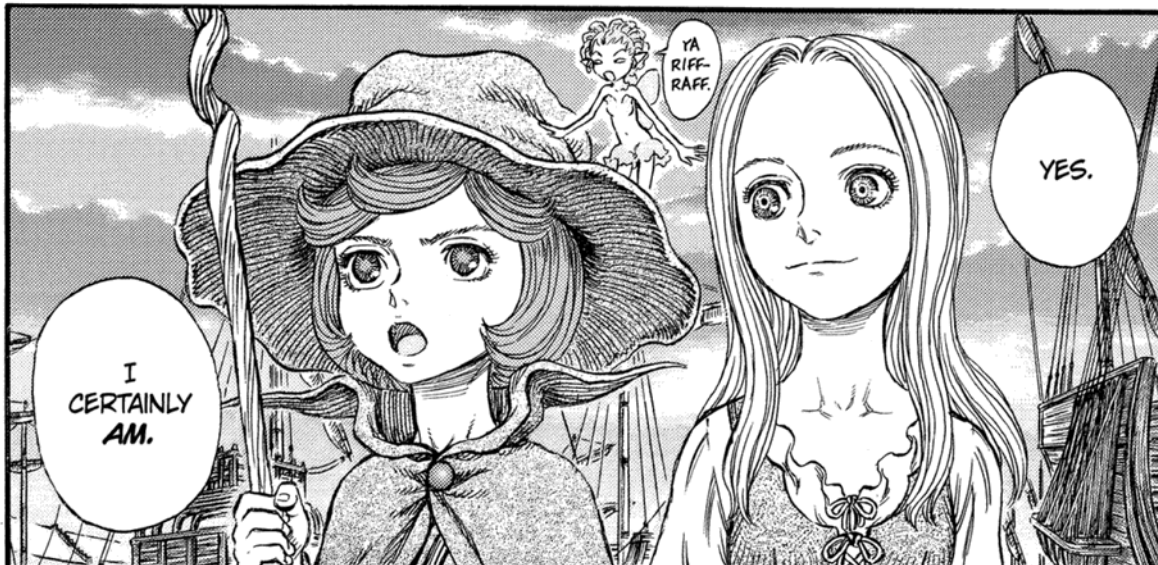
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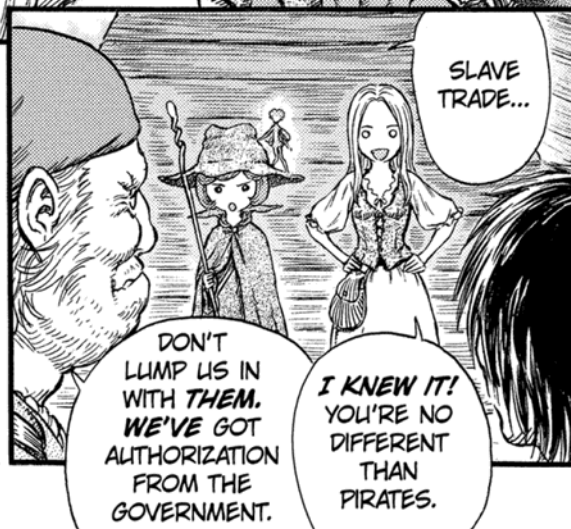
WE MAKE OUR
LVIN' BLYN' AND
SELLIN' PEOPLE.

WE'RE IN
THE **SLAVE**
TRADE.



...ARE **GOODS**
WE BOUGHT
LEGITIMATELY
FROM THIS
TOWN'S
MERCHANTS.

THESE
KIDS...



SLAVE
TRADE...

DON'T
LUMP US IN
WITH **THEM**.
WE'VE GOT
AUTHORIZATION
FROM THE
GOVERNMENT.

I KNEW IT!
YOU'RE NO
DIFFERENT
THAN
PIRATES.



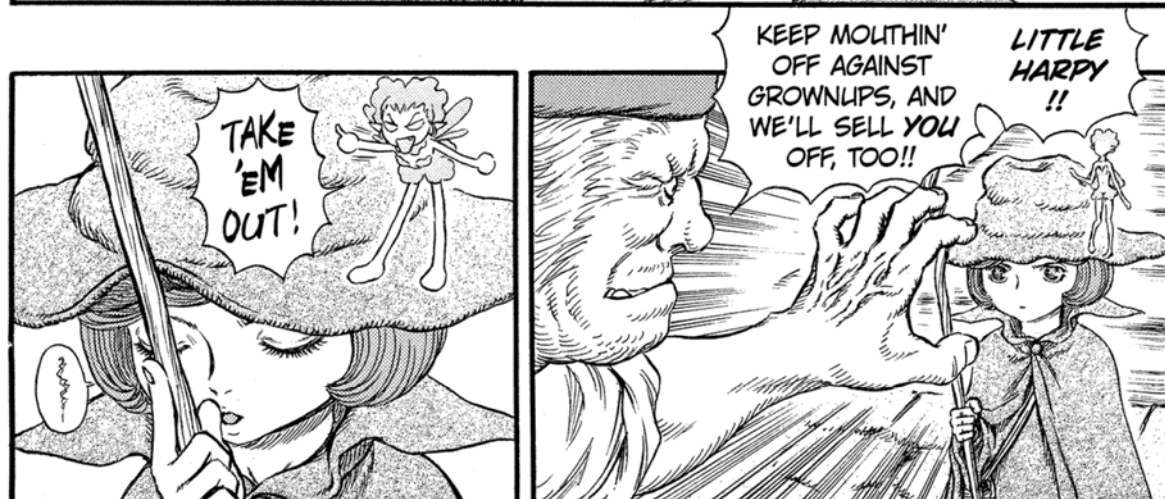
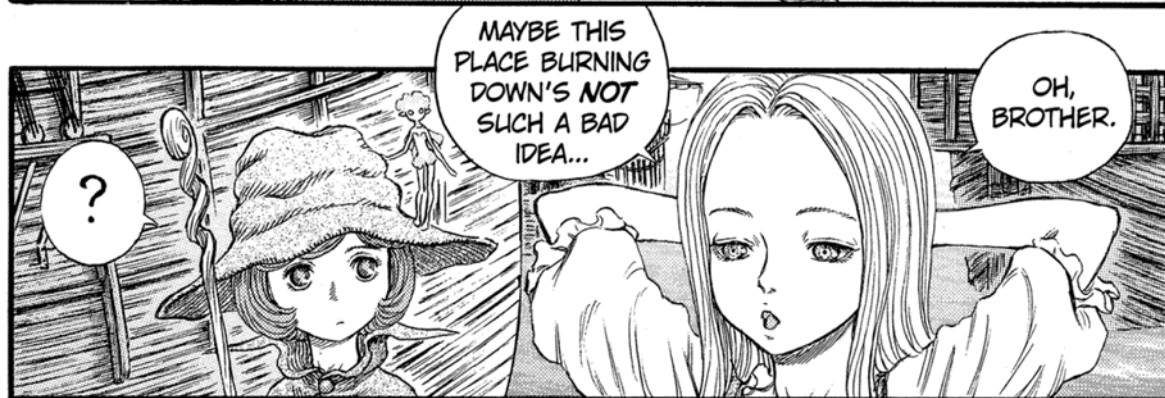
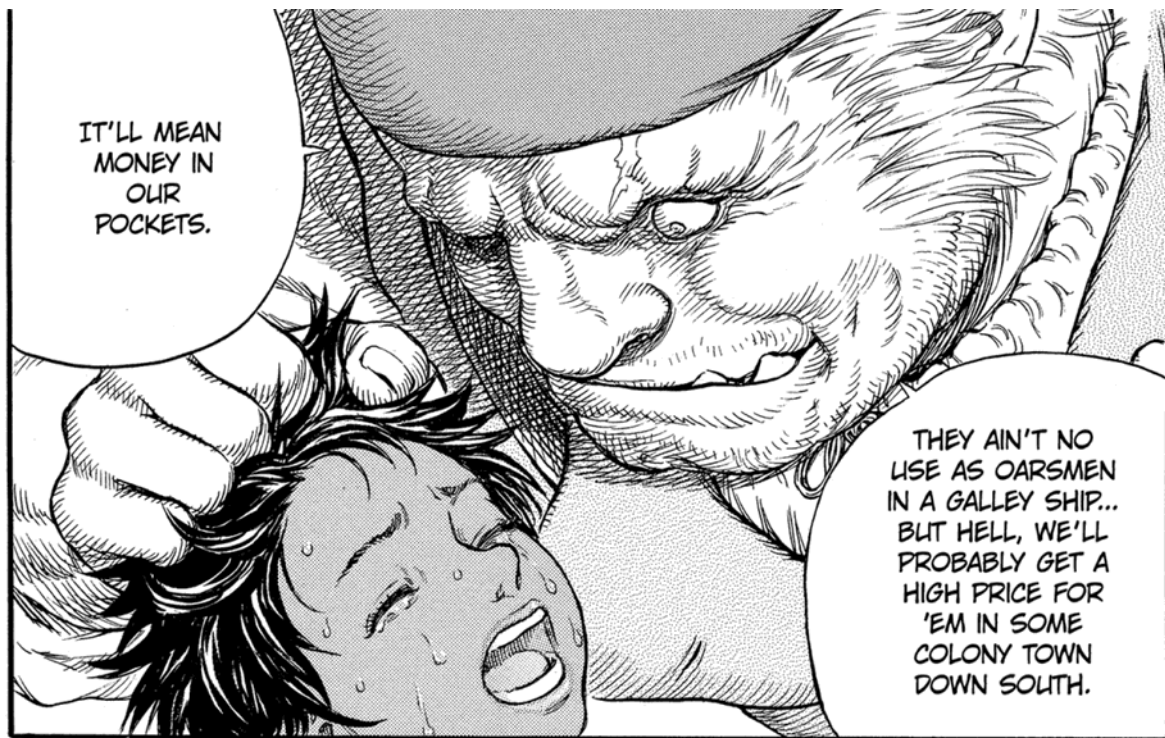
LOOKS LIKE
EVEN **THIS**
VRITANNIS LOT
COULDN'T
STOMACH LAYIN'
HANDS ON
CHILDREN.

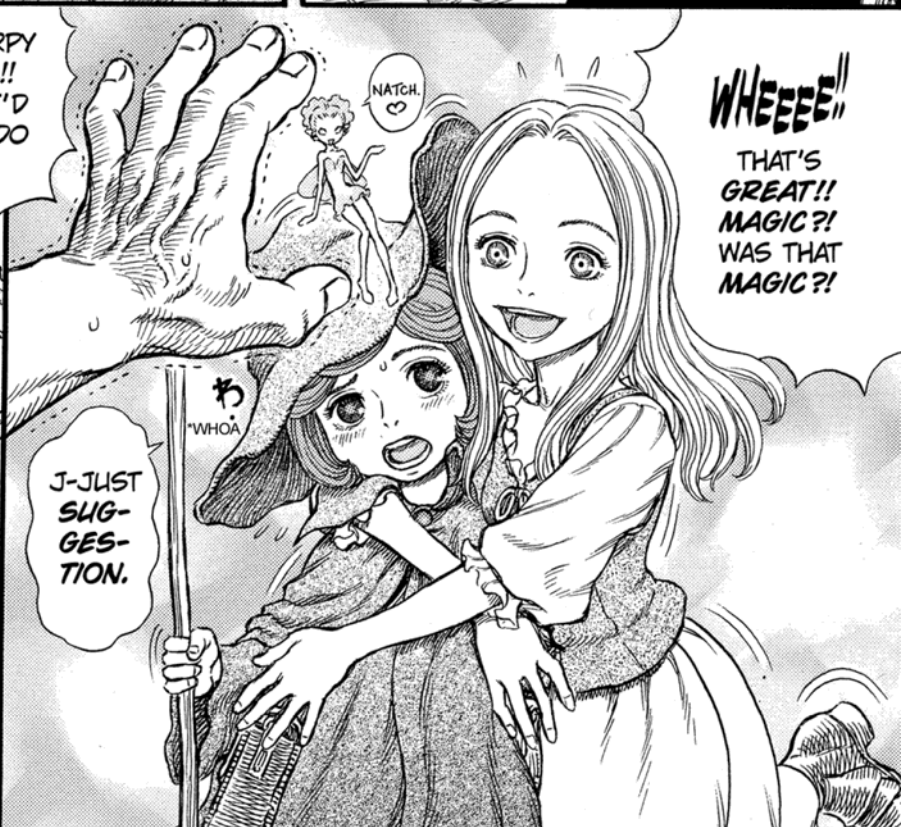
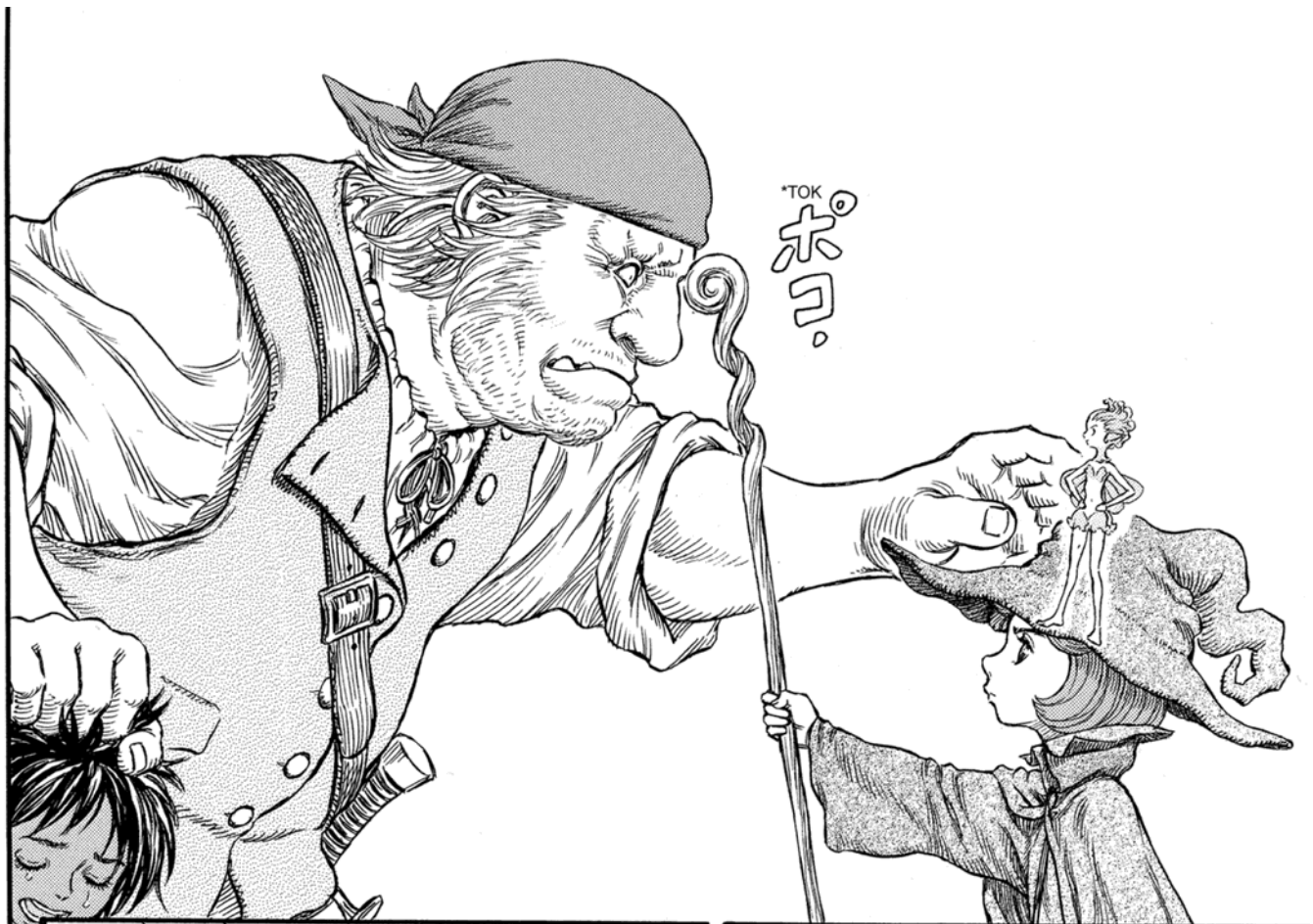
BUT IT AIN'T
LIKE THEY CAN
BE LEFT IN
THE CITY
NEITHER.

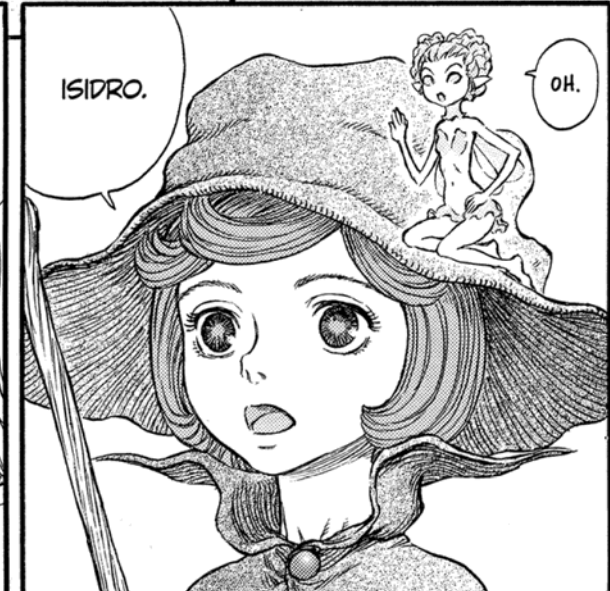
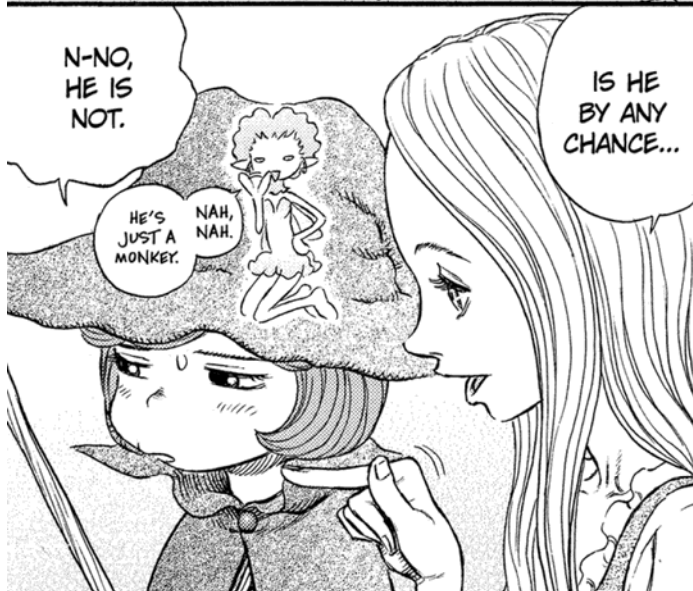
SO THAT'S
WHERE **WE**
COME IN.

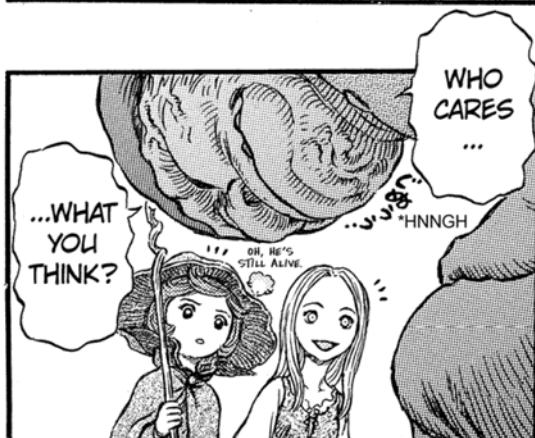
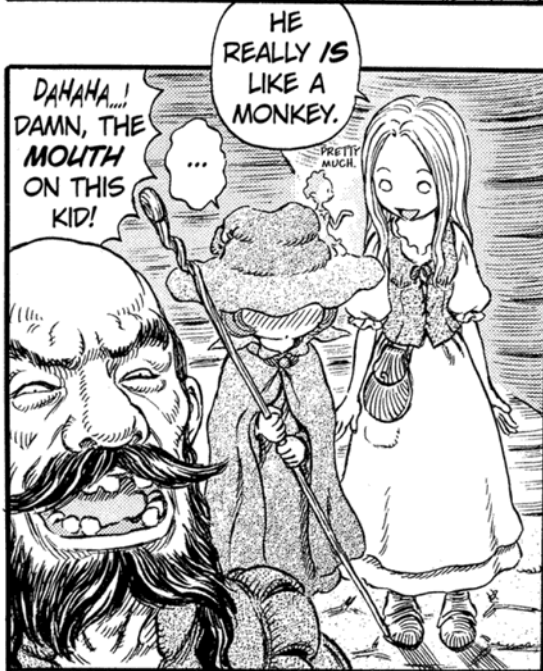
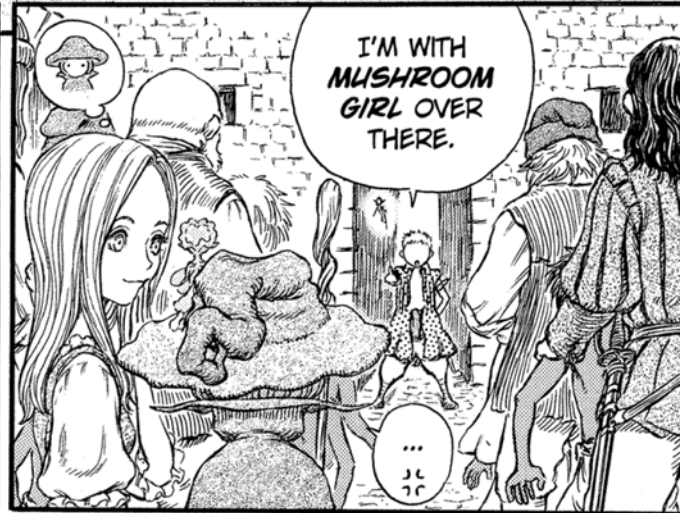
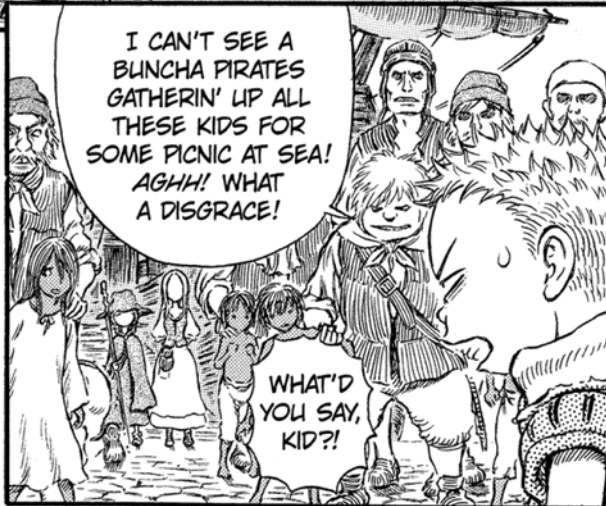
RIGHT NOW,
KUSHAN ARE
CONTRABAND
IN VRITANNIS,
EVEN AS SLAVES.
THEY GET
ROUNDED UP BY
OFFICIALS AND
HANGED.

THESE KIDS'
PARENTS
GOT HANGED
AS SUCH,
AND NOW
HERE THEY
ARE.











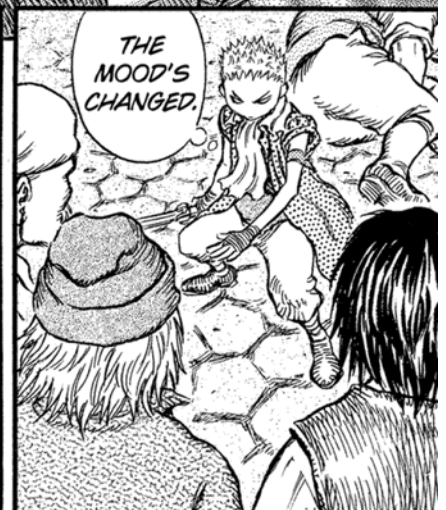
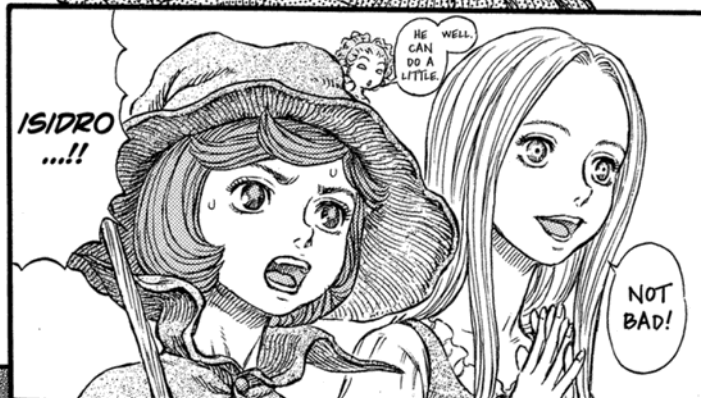
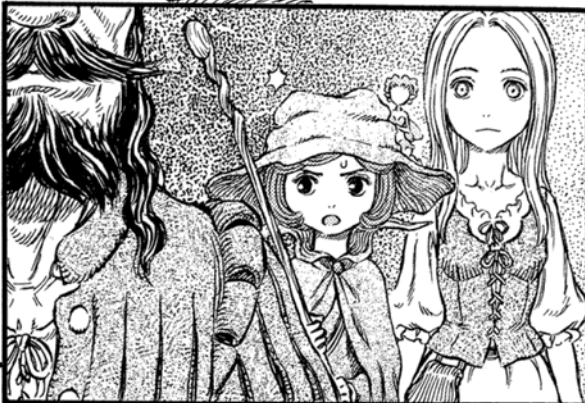
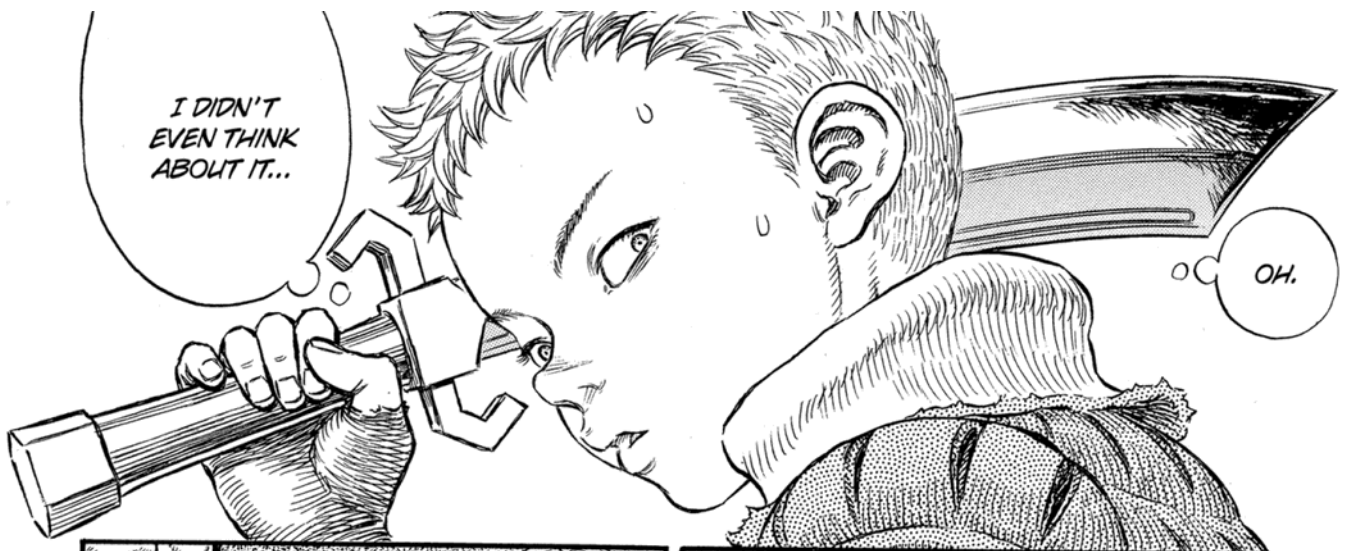
DON'T
YOU MESS
AROUND
WITH
GROWNUPS!!

Y'LITTLE
SONUVA
BITCH!!

'CAUSE
YOU'RE
SO MA-
TURE.

*SHAPP

THE
N
G



...I
EVER...

...CUT DOWN
SOMEONE.

NOW THAT
WE'VE
SEEN OUR
BUDDY'S
BLOOD.

NOW YOU'VE LEFT
US NO CHOICE.
WE GOTTA DRAW,
TOO.

WE WON'T
GO EASY
JUST 'CAUSE
YOU'RE A
KID.

STOP
IT!!

NOW
THAT IT'S
COME TO
THIS...

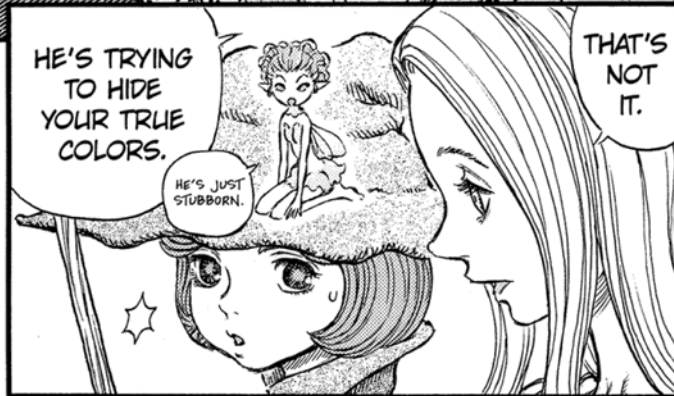
KEEP QUIET
AND WATCH,
MISSY, IF
YOU DON'T
WANT TO
GET HURT.

WHOA!

.....!!



**DON'T
YOU USE
THAT!!**



**HE'S TRYING
TO HIDE
YOUR TRUE
COLORS.**

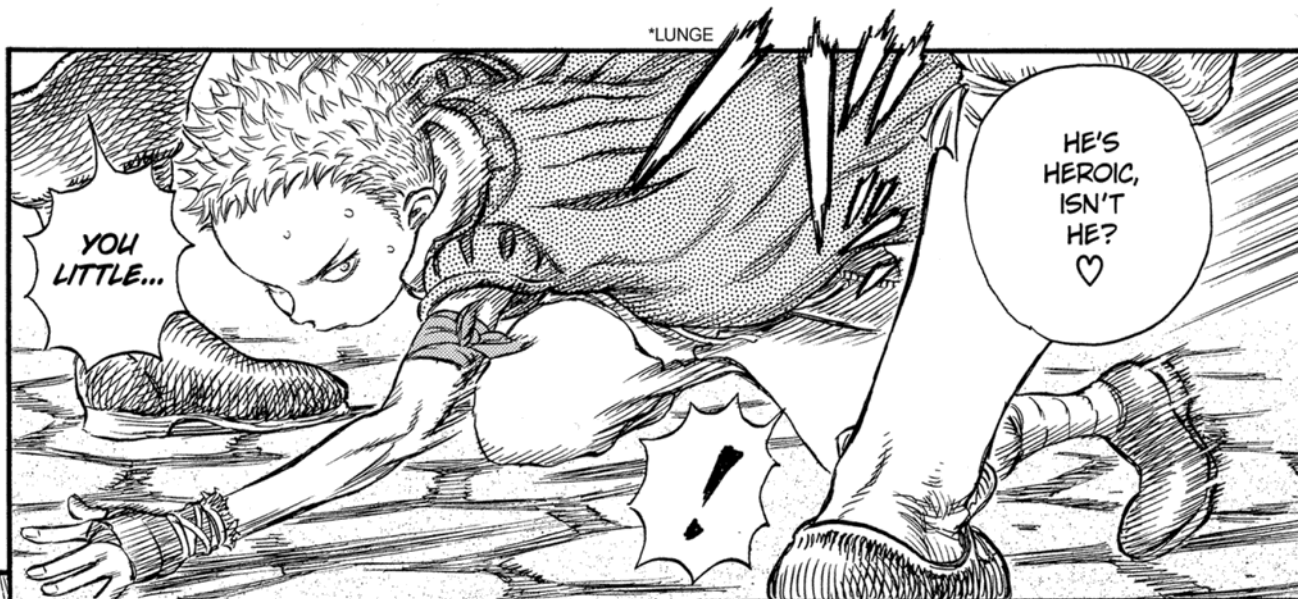
**HE'S JUST
STUBBORN.**

**THAT'S
NOT
IT.**



**COME
NOW...**

**WHAT
ARE
YOU SO
ANGRY
ABOUT
?!**



***LUNGE**

**YOU
LITTLE...**

**HE'S
HEROIC,
ISN'T
HE?
♡**



**SHE CAN
HEAR THE
THOUGHT
TRANSFER-
ENCE...?!**

**GO
FOR IT,
MONKEY
BOY!!**



*SHLAK



*FX: JUMP

*FX: THOCK

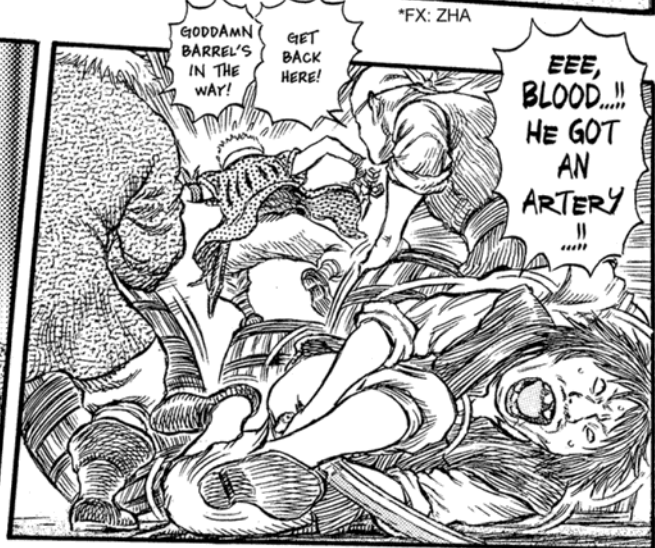


QUIT
SNEAKIN'
AROUND
...!!



*SHNNK

HYOWW!



GODDAMN
BARREL'S
IN THE
WAY!

GET
BACK
HERE!

*FX: ZHA

EEE,
BLOOD...!!
HE GOT
AN
ARTERY
...!!



Y'LITTLE
...!!



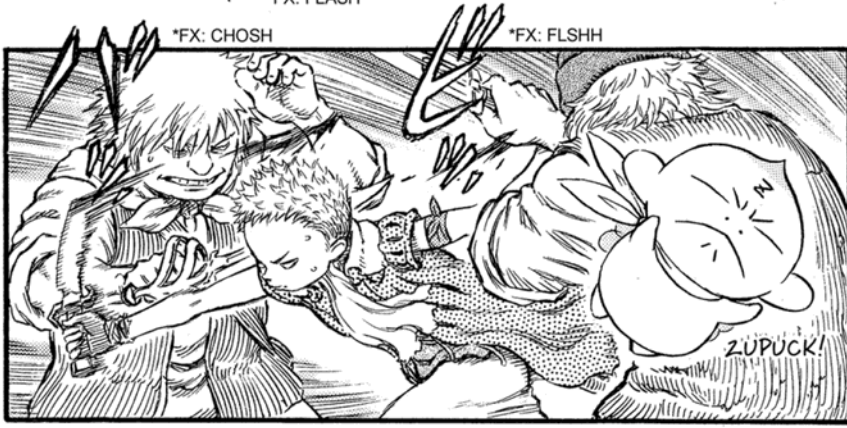
PUCK
SPAAARK!

*FX: FLASH



CLOSE
YOUR
EYES
!!

*FX: FLSHH

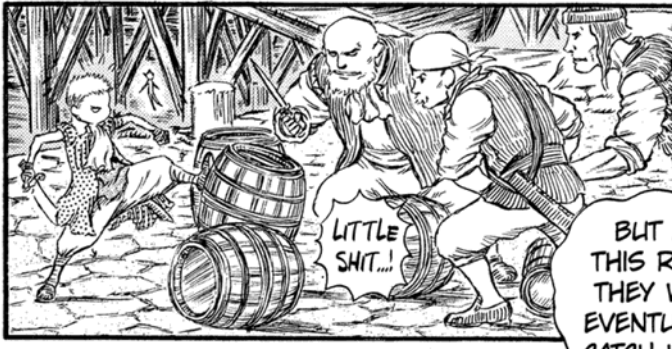


*FX: CHOSH

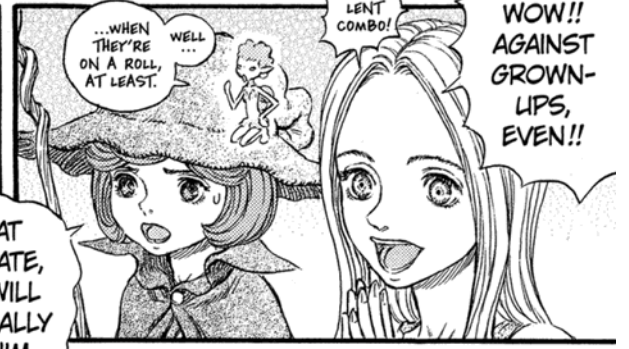


UH-UH!

YOU
AIN'T
GETTIN'
AWAY
!!



LITTLE
SHIT...!



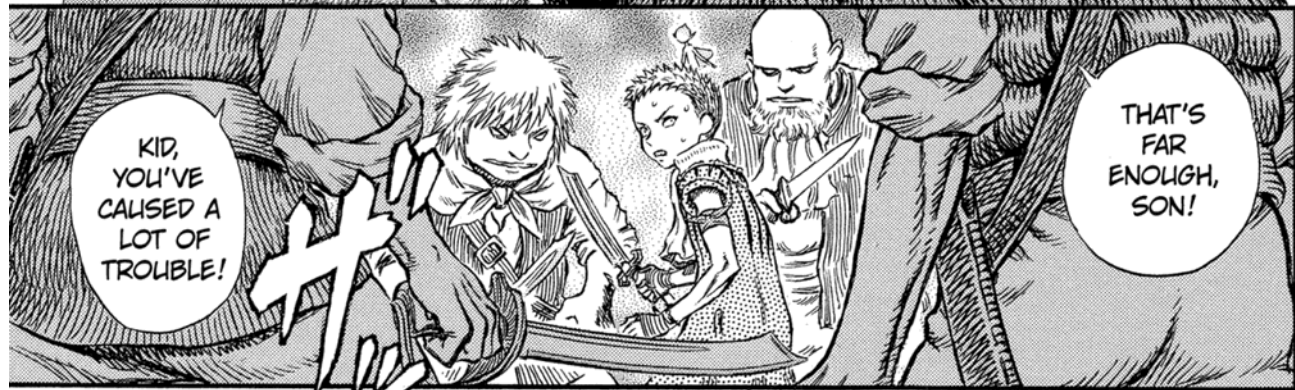
...WHEN
THEY'RE
ON A ROLL,
AT LEAST.

BUT AT
THIS RATE,
THEY WILL
EVENTUALLY
CATCH HIM...

EXCEL-
LENT
COMBO!

WOW,
WOW!!
AGAINST
GROWN-
UPS,
EVEN!!





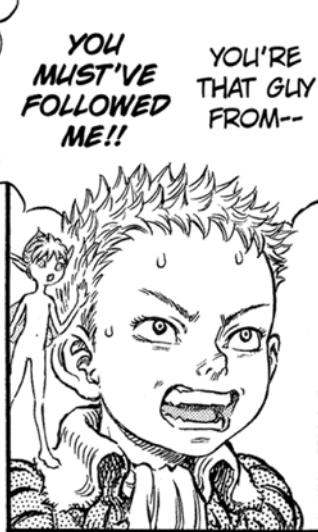
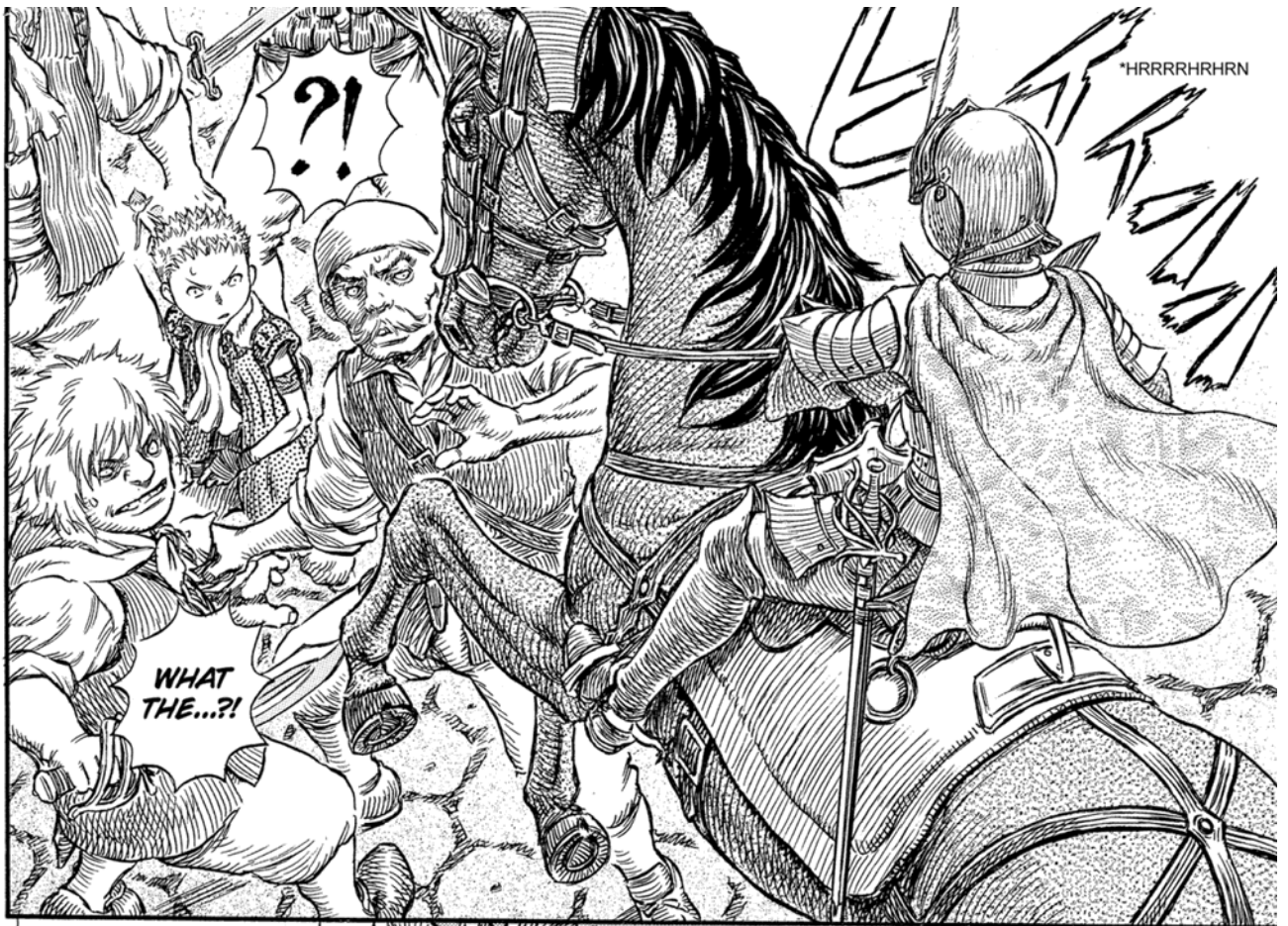
*ZHA

*FX: HAHHH HAHHH



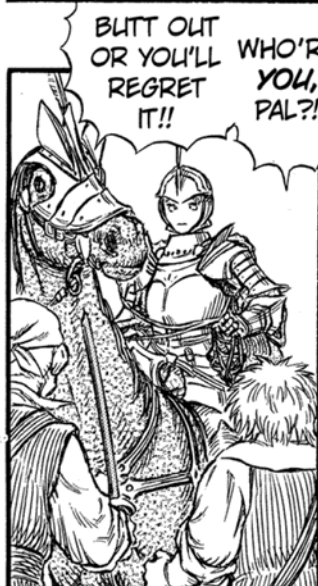
*BDADUMP
BDADUMP





YOU
MUST'VE
FOLLOWED
ME!!

YOU'RE
THAT GUY
FROM--

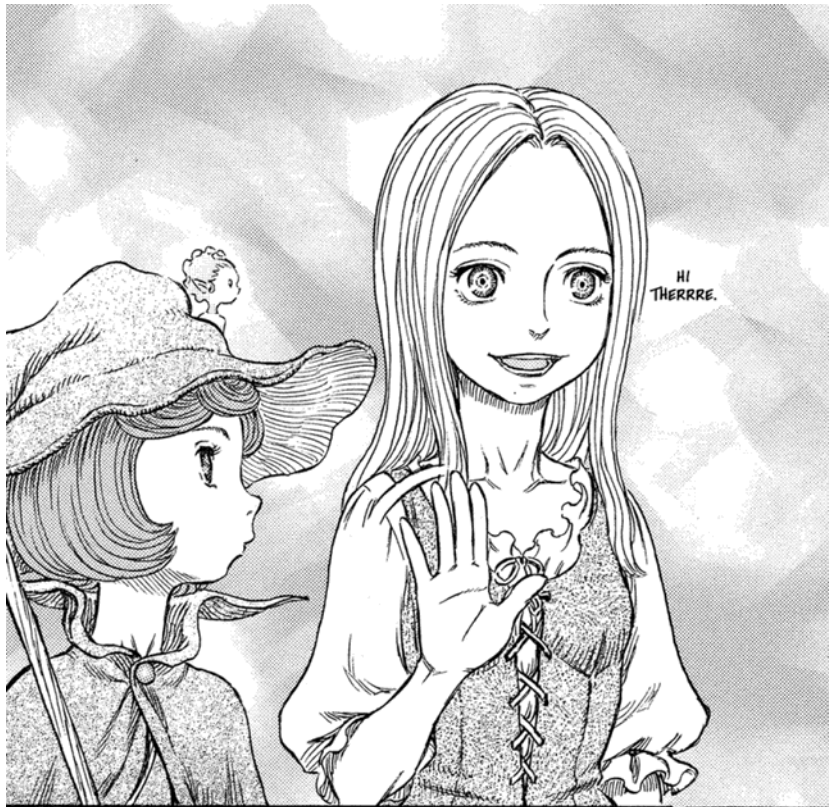


BUTT OUT
OR YOU'LL
REGRET
IT!!

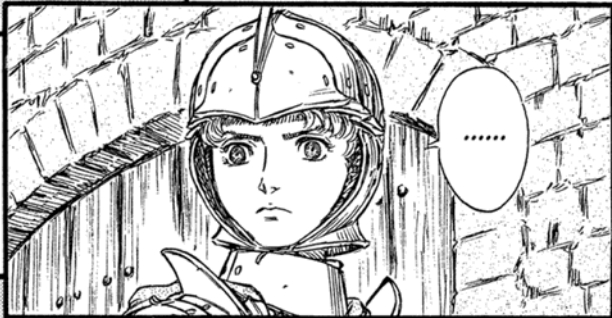
WHO'RE
YOU,
PAL?!



BHHRSH

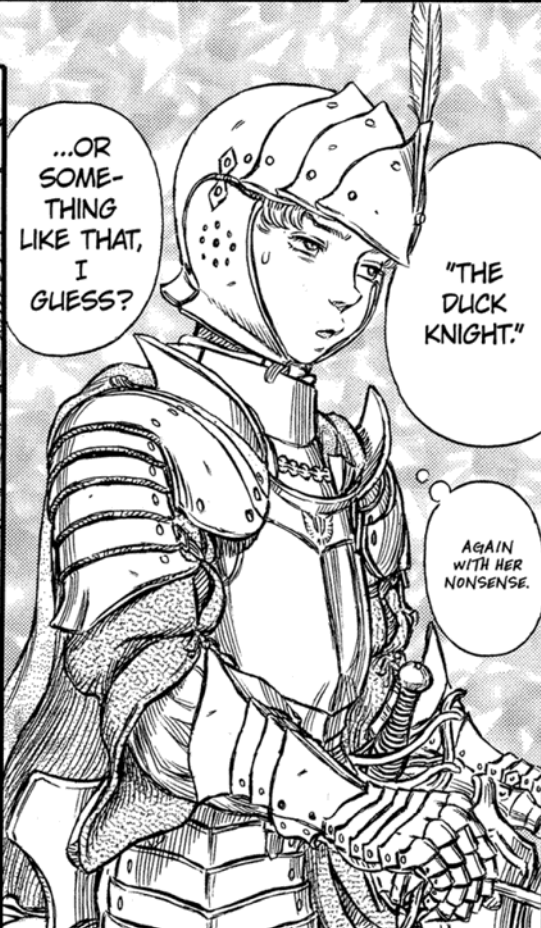


*FX: HAHHH



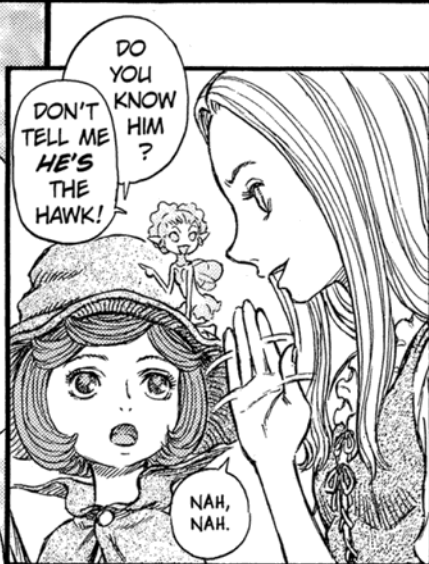
YOU.

...OR
SOME-
THING
LIKE THAT,
I
GUESS?



"THE
DUCK
KNIGHT."

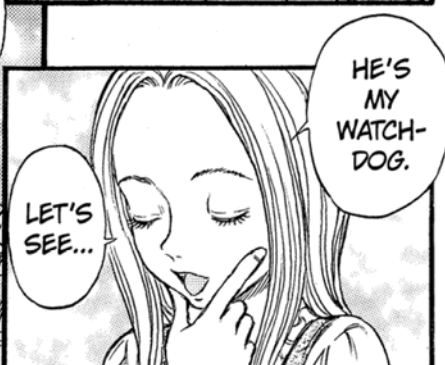
AGAIN
WITH HER
NONSENSE.



DO YOU
KNOW
HIM ?

DON'T
TELL ME
HE'S
THE
HAWK!

NAH,
NAH.



LET'S
SEE...

HE'S
MY
WATCH-
DOG.



OH!!?!
YOU WANT
A FIGHT?!
DAMMIT,
THIS'S WHY
KIDS'RE
SO--

NOBODY
ASKED
YOU!!

HEY!

WHOSE
PUPIL
BE HE?



LOOKS
LIKE MY
COMPANION'S
IN YOUR
CARE.

I'LL
LEND
YOU A
HAND.

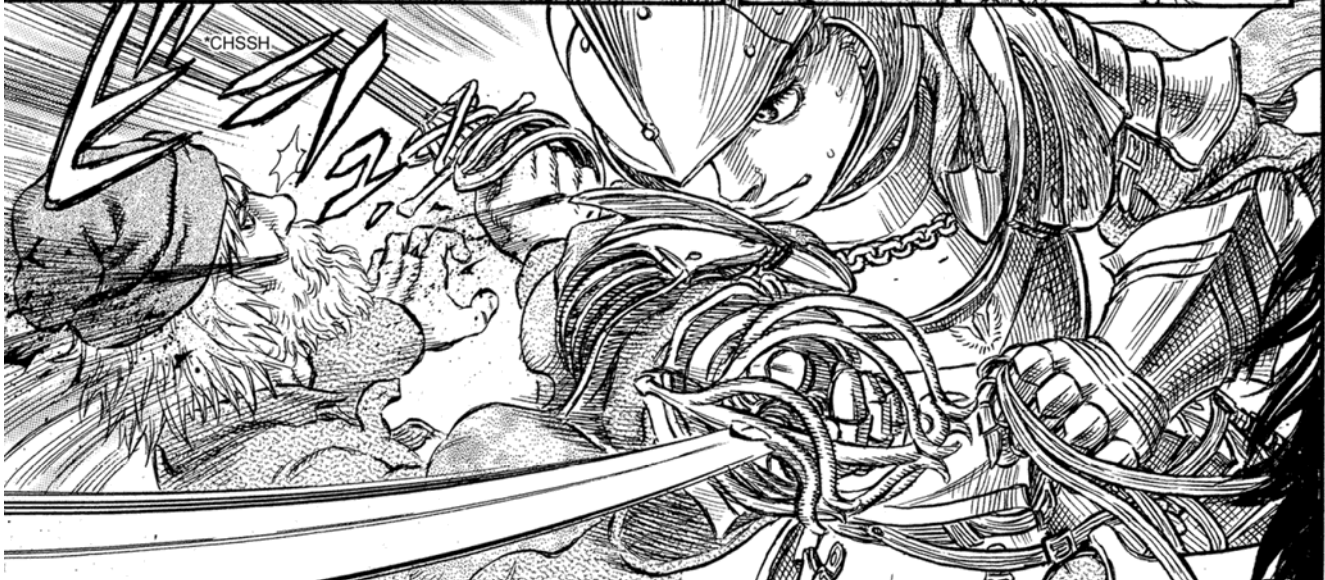
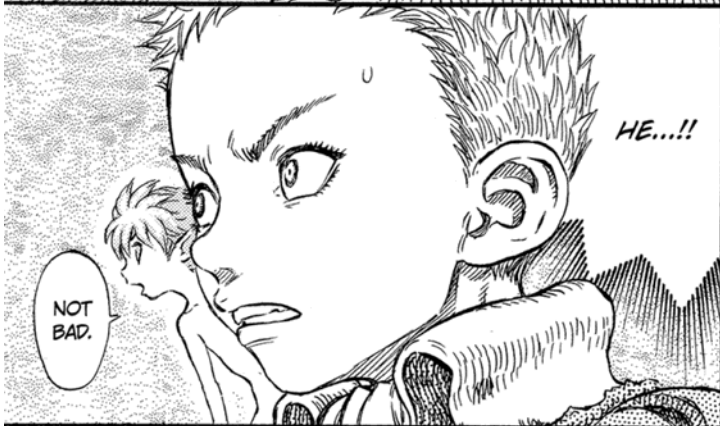
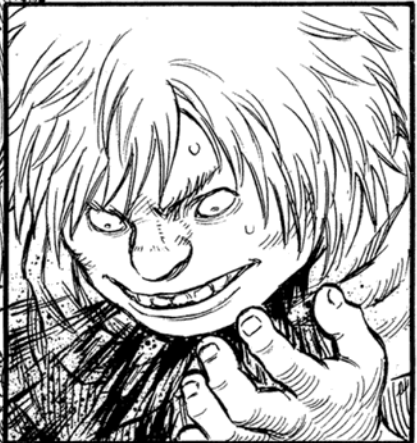
*SHNNK



*HYNN

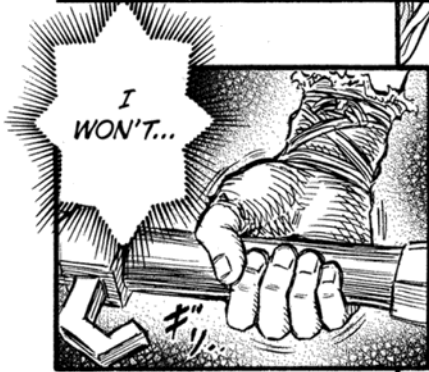
*CHK

*BDADUMP





DROPEY...



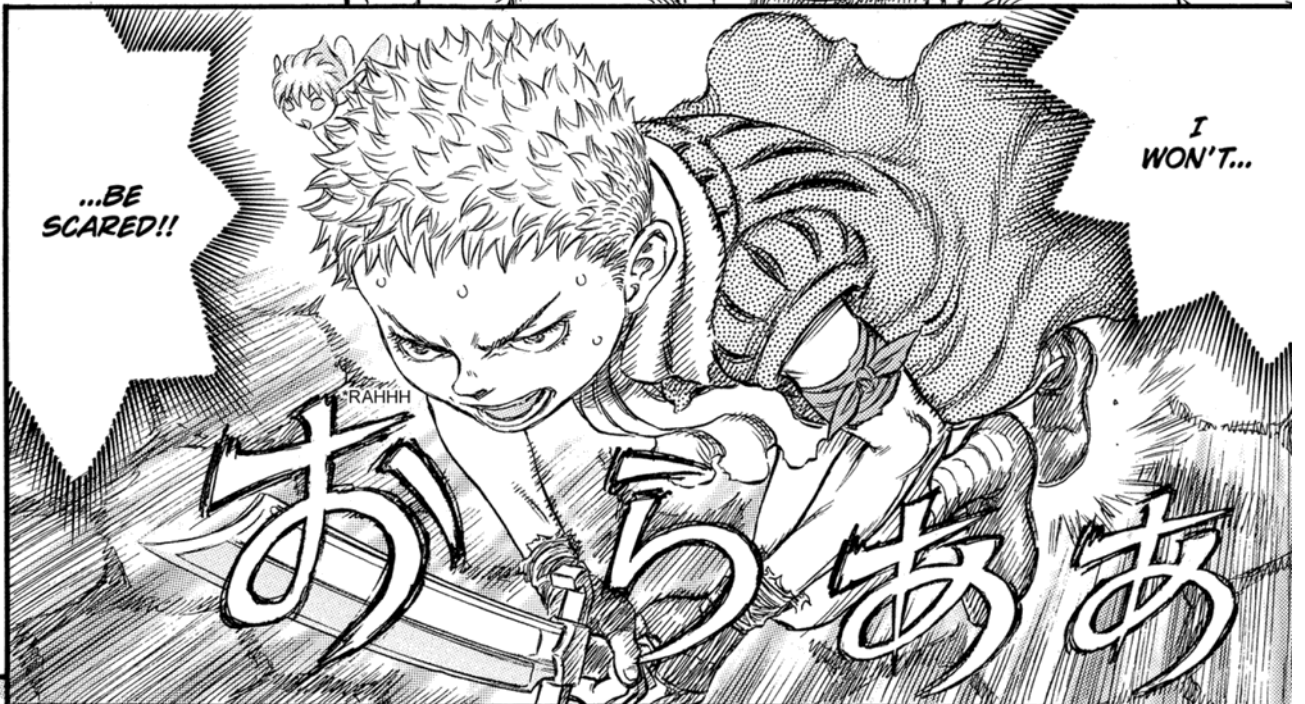
I
WON'T...

*FX: SQUEEZE



...SLEW
WITHOUT
HESITATION!!

HE
FRIGGIN'...



...BE
SCARED!!

I
WON'T...

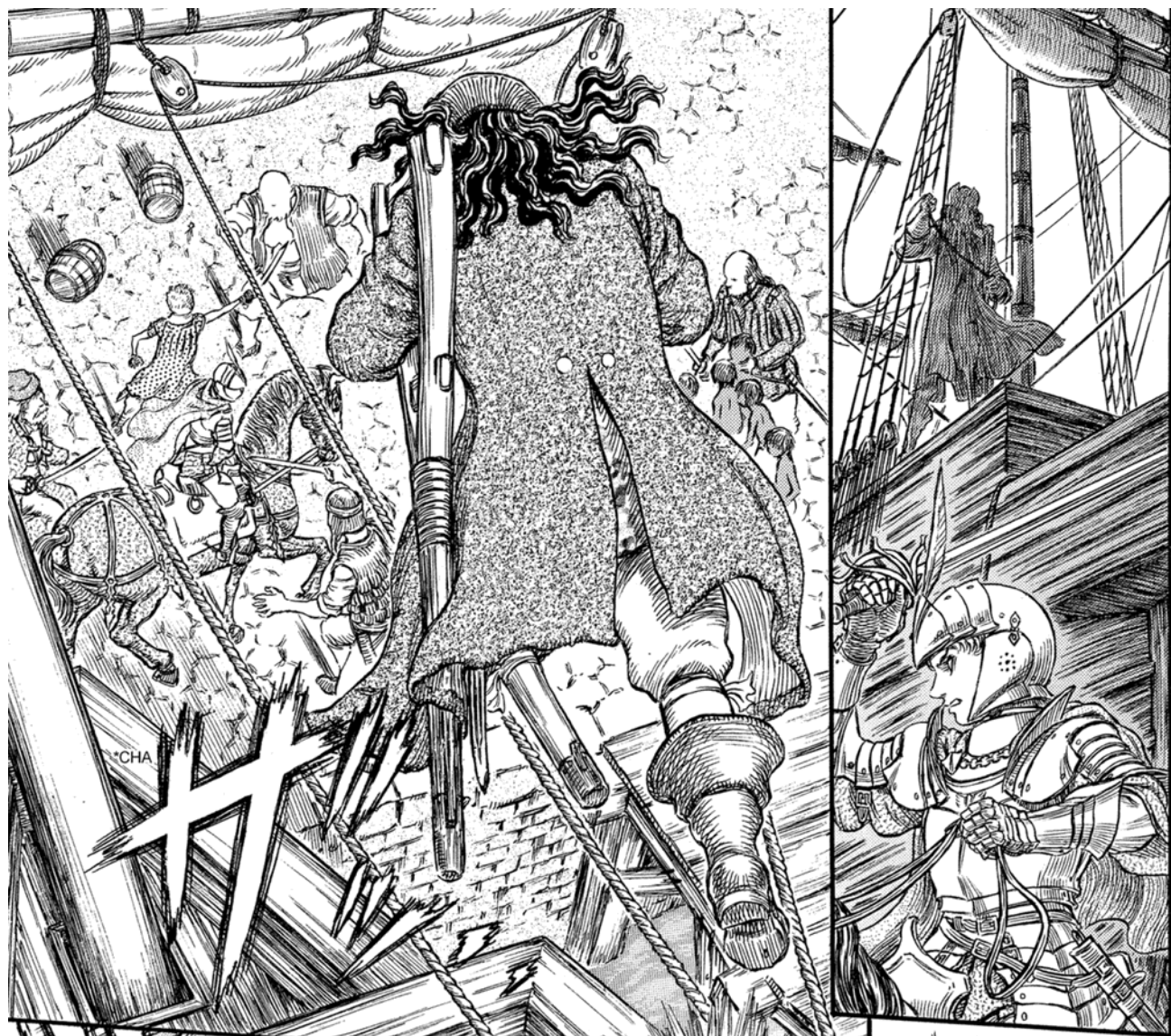
*RAHHH



*CHINNG

*FLASH

*ZHHF



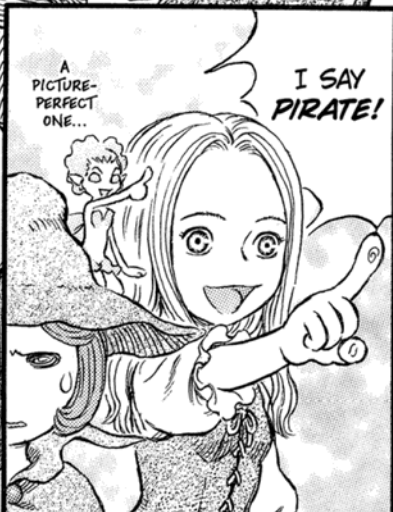


THIS IS
WHY
I HATE
KIDS.



**BOSS
MAN!**

THEY DON'T
KNOW THEIR
PLACE WHEN
DEALIN' WITH
ADULTS.



A
PICTURE-
PERFECT
ONE...

I SAY
PIRATE!



*FX: GRAB

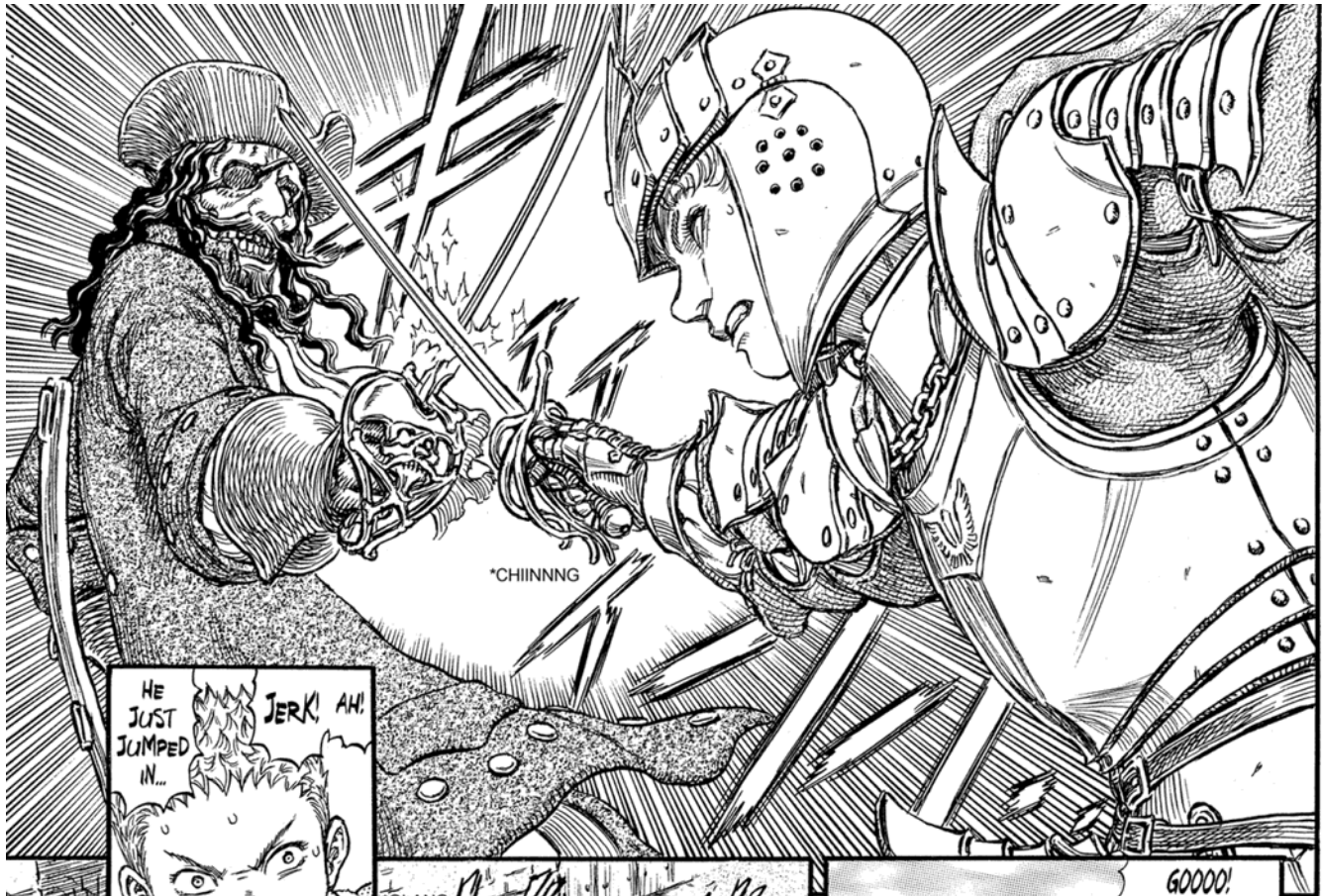




*FX: KRIK KRIK

*FX: INCH





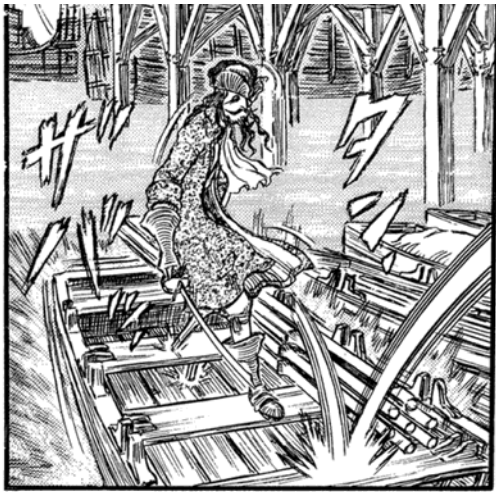
YOU SEEM TO HAVE QUITE SOME EXPERIENCE, FOR YOUR AGE.

THE ORTHODOX ARISTOCRAT SCHOOL OF FIGHTING.

YOU'RE OF QUITE THE STOCK.

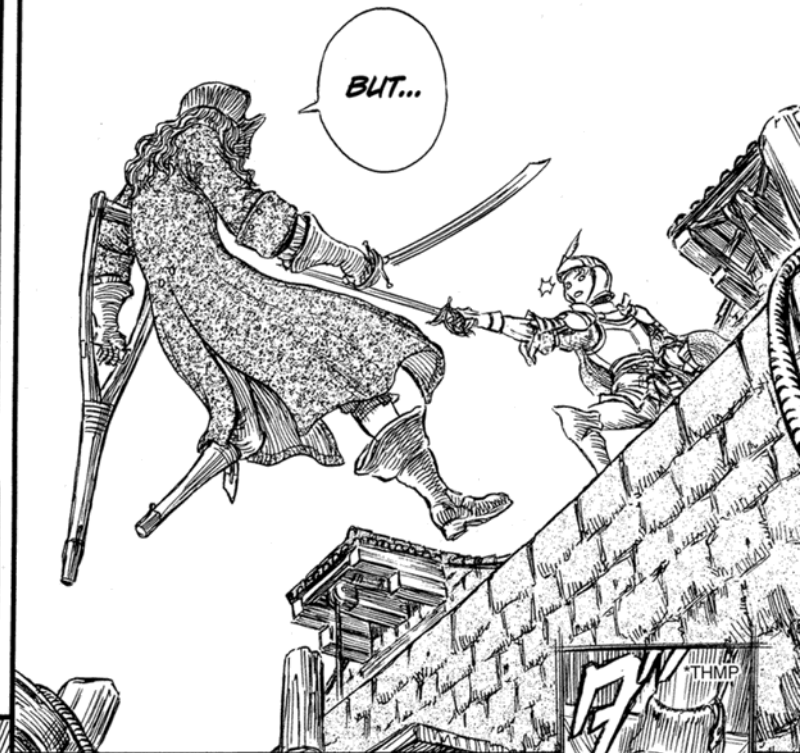
GOOOO! WIN, AND GET PROMOTED FROM DOMESTIC TO WILD DUCK!

HEY! KEEP STILL, YOU!



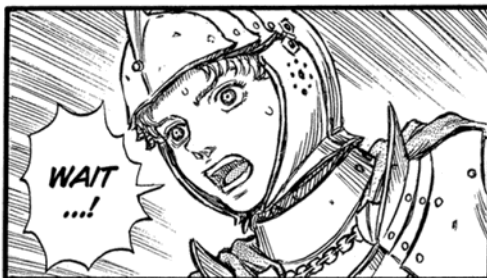
*FX: BLASH

*FX: TMP



BUT...

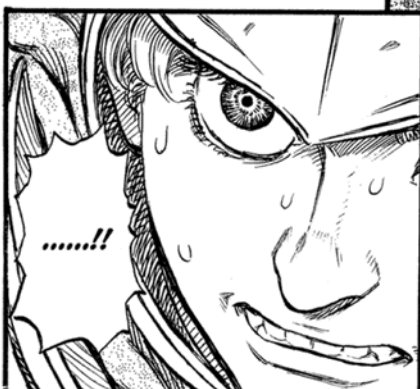
THMP



WAIT
...!



HAVE YOU ANY
EXPERIENCE CROSSING
SWORDS ON FOOTING
AS UNSTABLE AS *THIS*?



.....!!



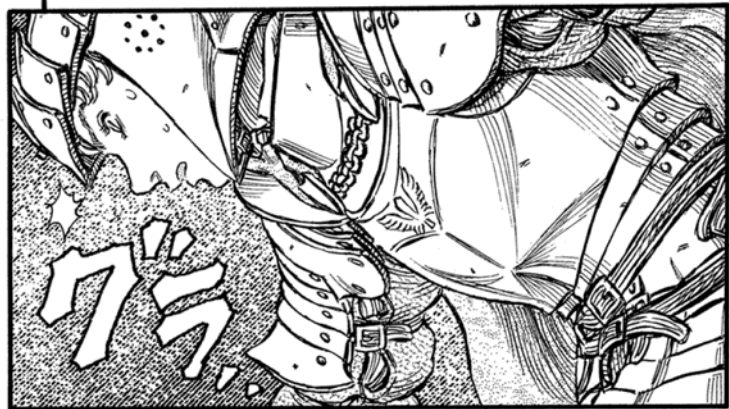
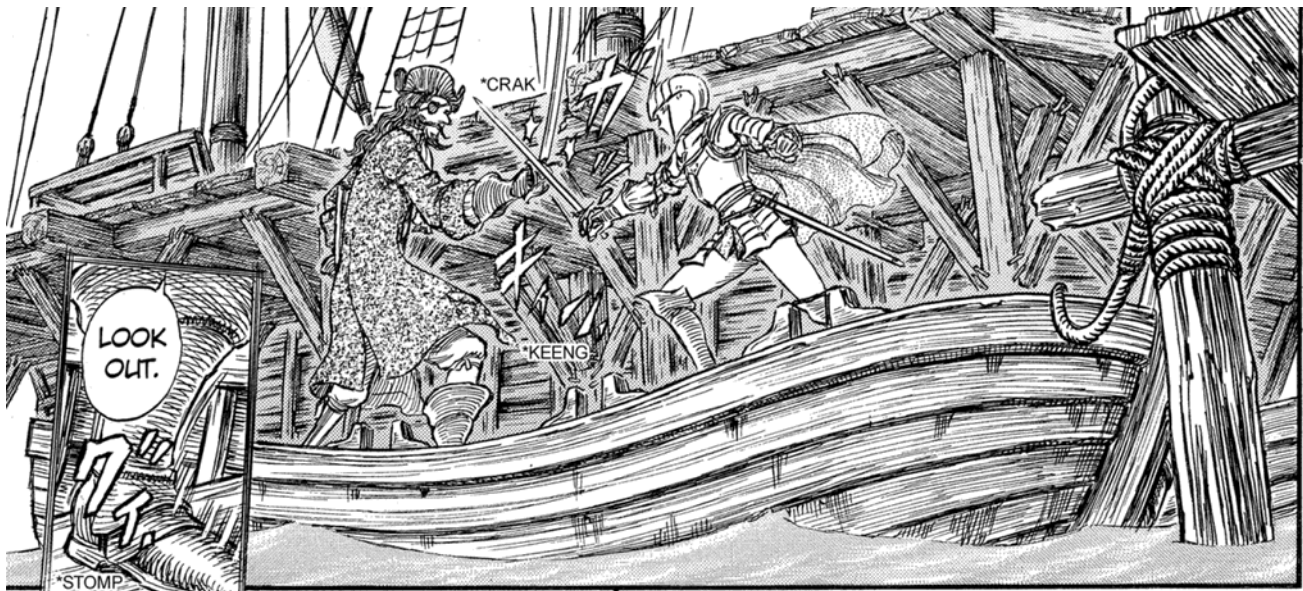
SWAYYY

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*FX: TOTTER



*FX: BLOOSH

*THUDD

*GAJINNG



YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'RE
OF NOBLE
BIRTH. MAYBE
I CAN GET
A RANSOM
FROM YOUR
RELATIVES...

NOW
THEN,
HOW
SHALL
WE GO
ABOUT
SETTLING
THIS?

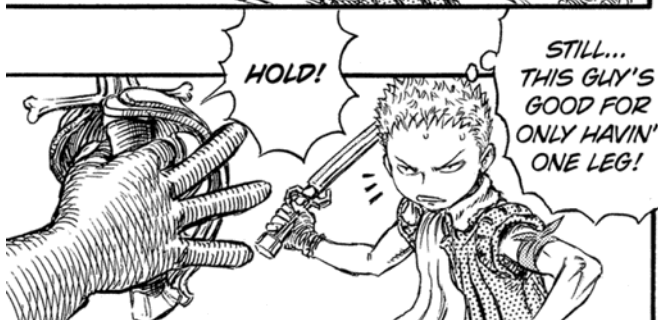
...YOU'D
PROBABLY
FETCH A FINE
PRICE, SOLD
AS A MALE
PROSTITUTE TO
A KUSHAN
HAREM.

WITH
THEM
GRACEFUL
FEATURES
...

.....!!

THAT WOULD
BE THE
EXPERIENCE GAP.
YOU MUSTN'T
GO AROUND
TAUNTING ADULTS,
M'LAD.







Y'KNOW,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

WE
SURE
HAVE...



CHIK

GUESS
THAT'S
AN OLD
HABIT
OF...



...MINE!



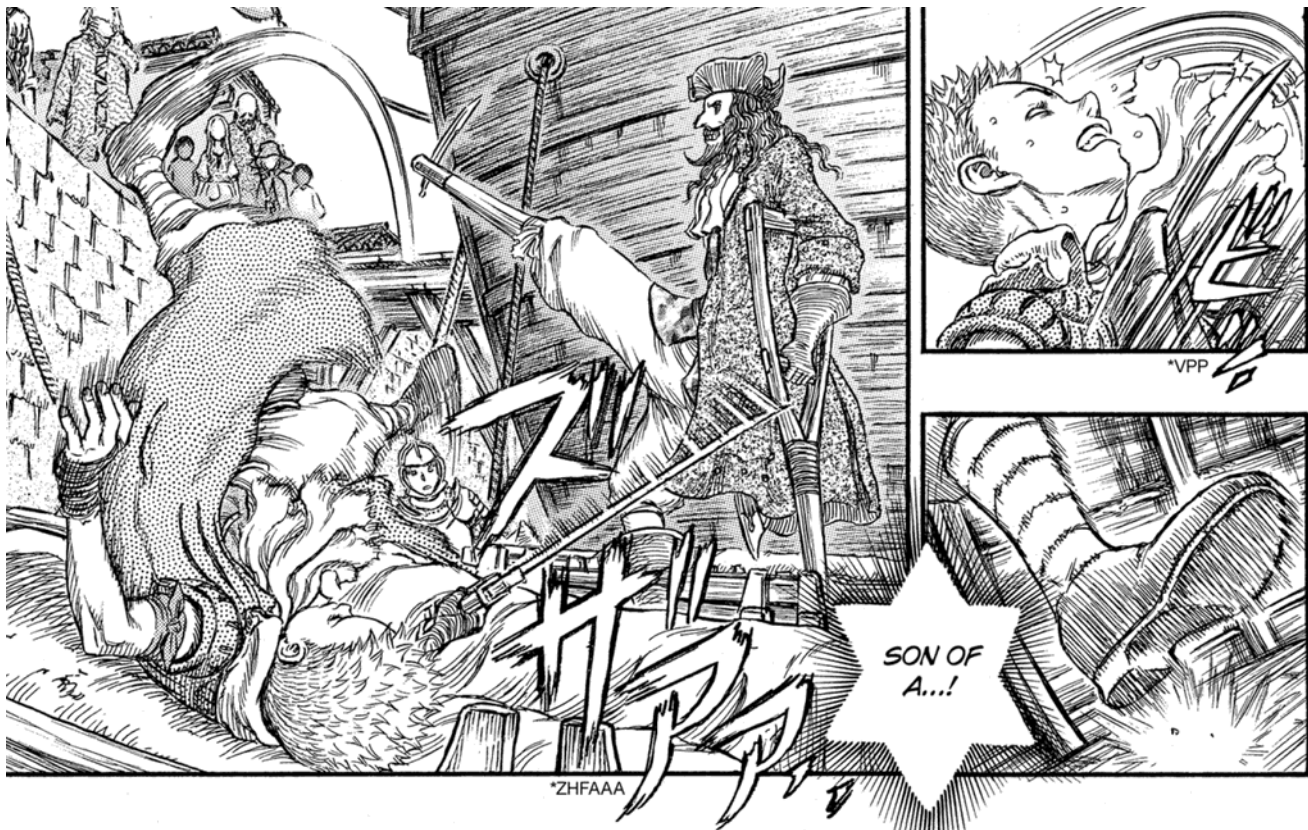
SO, CARE
TO WORK
FOR ME?
I'LL TRAIN
YOU
PERSONALLY.

IT STILL
NEEDS WORK,
BUT WITH
YOUR FIGHTING
STYLE YOU'D
MAKE A FINE
PIRATE.

SHOVE IT
UP YOUR
ASS! WHAT
HAPPENED
TO COMIN'
CLEAN?!



VYNN



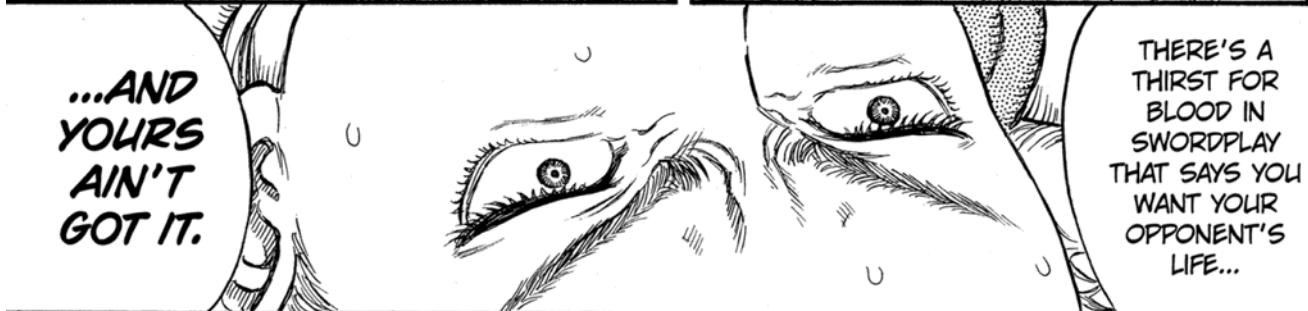
...BUT YOUR
SWORD-
PLAY'S THAT
OF AN INEX-
PERIENCED
WHELP.

YOU'RE
TERRIBLE
LIVELY
ENOUGH...



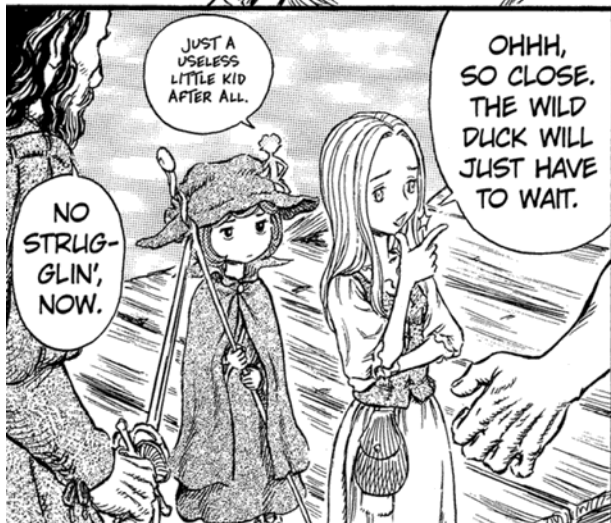
...THIS
IS HOW
ADULTS
DO
THINGS,
LAD.

BUT...
WELL...



...AND
YOURS
AIN'T
GOT IT.

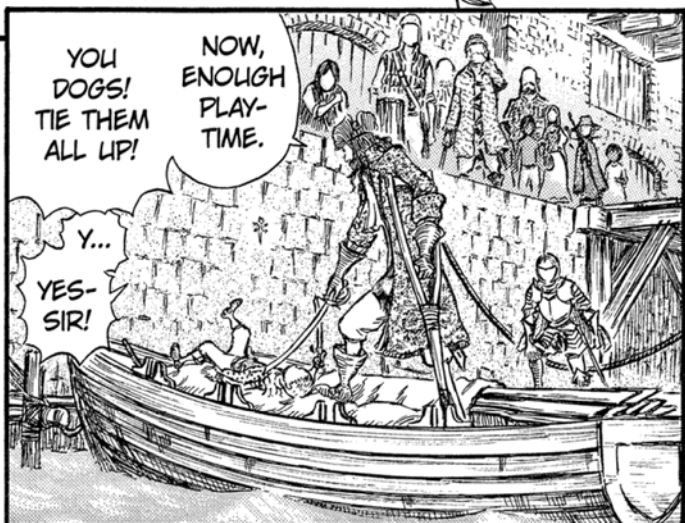
THERE'S A
THIRST FOR
BLOOD IN
SWORDPLAY
THAT SAYS YOU
WANT YOUR
OPPONENT'S
LIFE...



JUST A
USELESS
LITTLE KID
AFTER ALL.

NO
STRUG-
GLIN',
NOW.

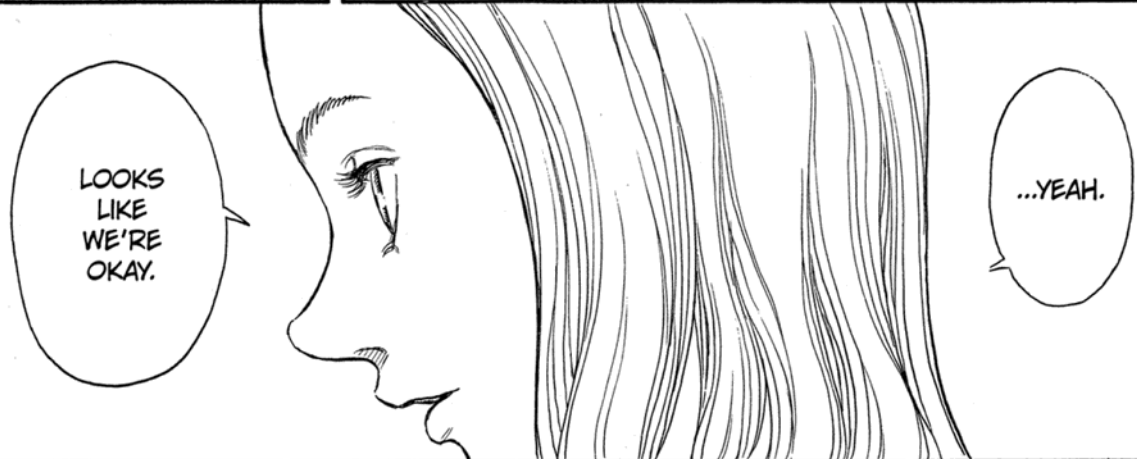
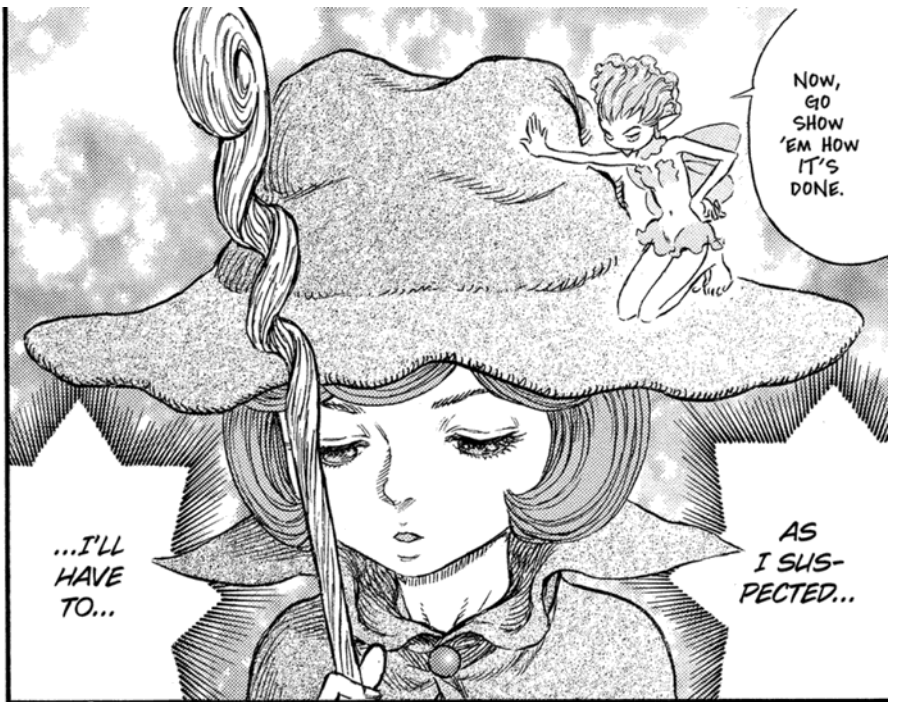
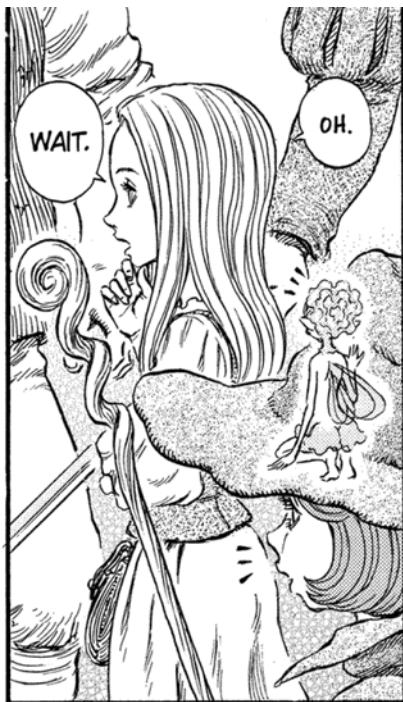
OH, SO CLOSE.
THE WILD
DUCK WILL
JUST HAVE
TO WAIT.



YOU
DOGS!
TIE THEM
ALL UP!

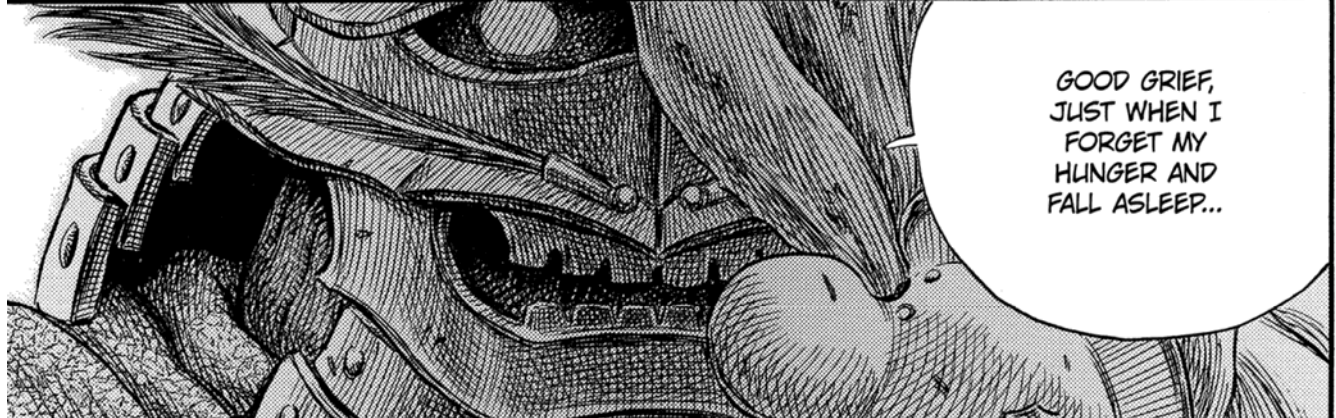
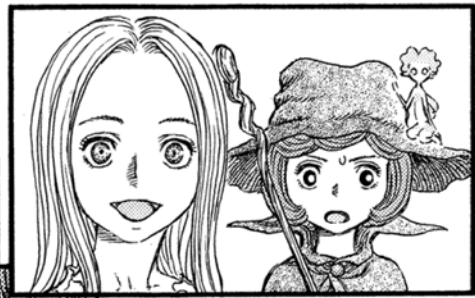
NOW,
ENOUGH
PLAY-
TIME.

Y...
YES-
SIR!





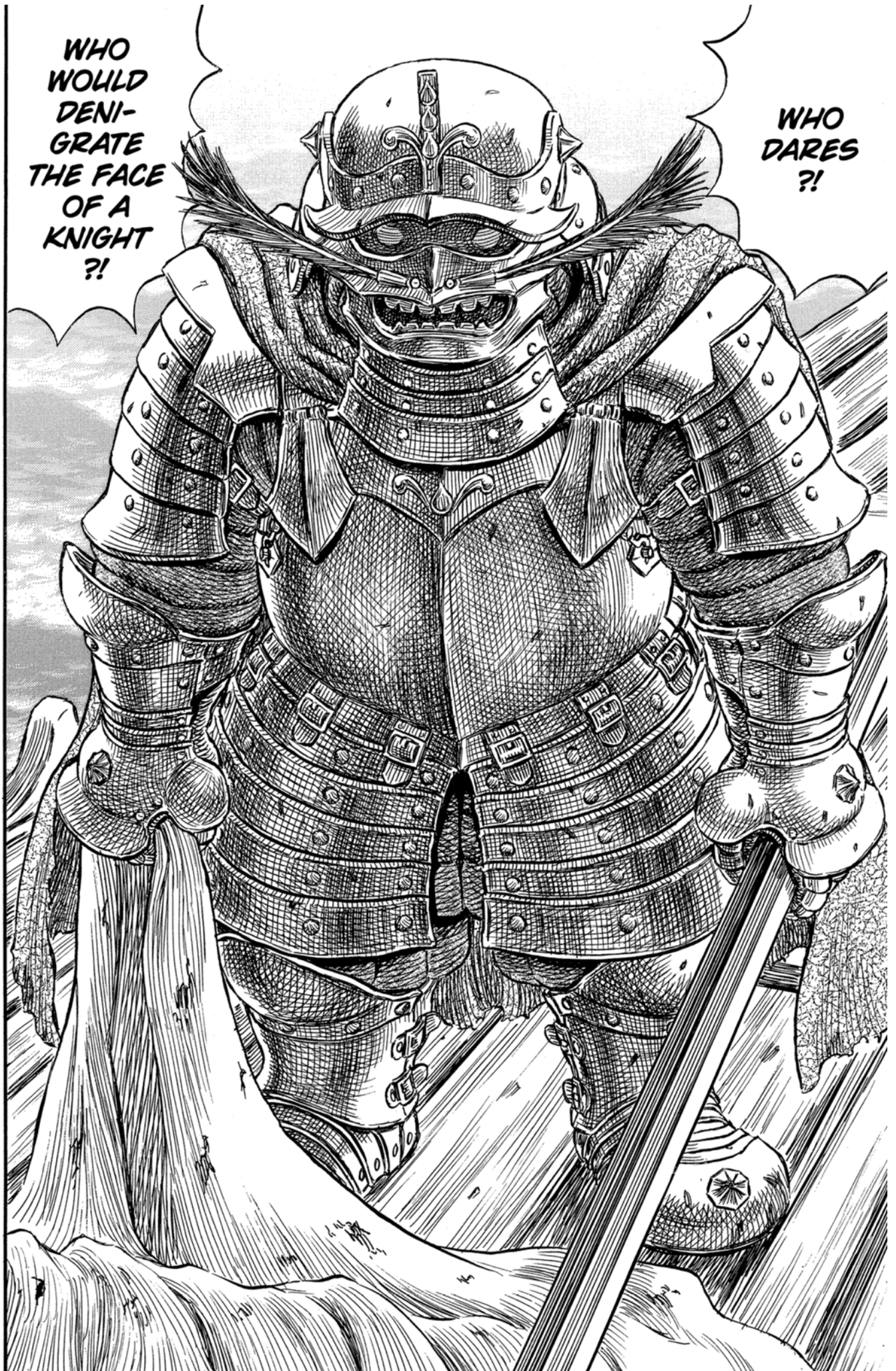
I JUST
TOLD YOU
TO WITH-
DRAWWW
!!

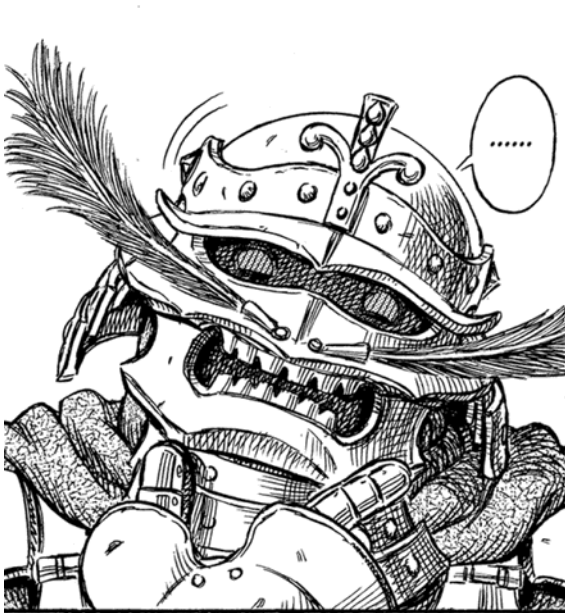


GOOD GRIEF,
JUST WHEN I
FORGET MY
HUNGER AND
FALL ASLEEP...

WHO
WOULD
DENI-
GRATE
THE FACE
OF A
KNIGHT
?!

WHO
DARES
?!







**I WILL
DEAL WITH
YOU!!!**

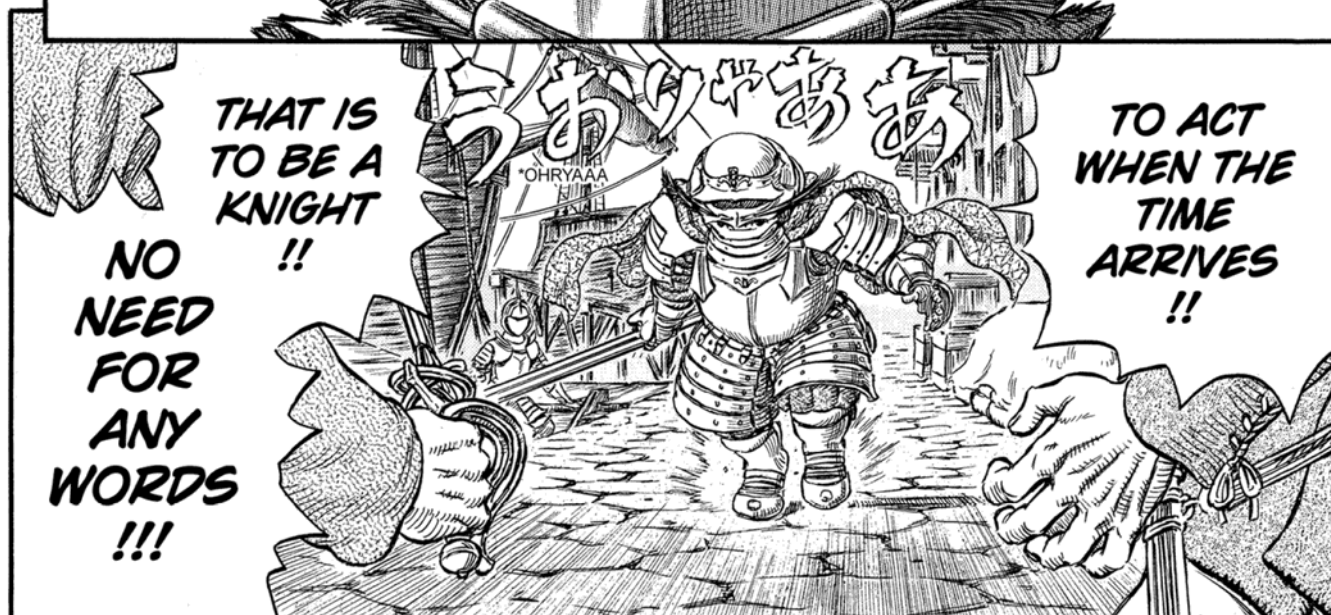
**SCOUN-
DRELS!!!**

**OUTTA
NOWHERE
...?!**

**WH-
WHO THE
HELL'S
THAT?!**

**JUSTICE
IS IN MY
HEART!!!**

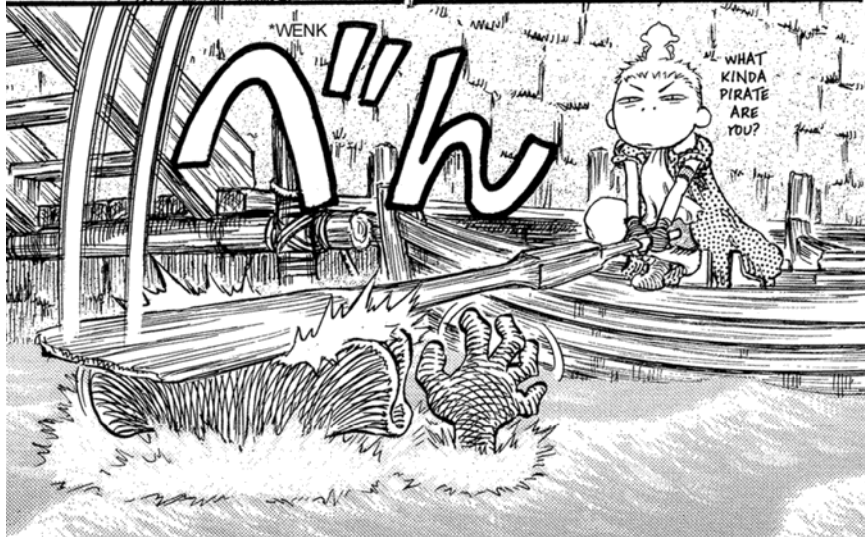
**A
KNIGHT'S
INTU-
ITION!!!**

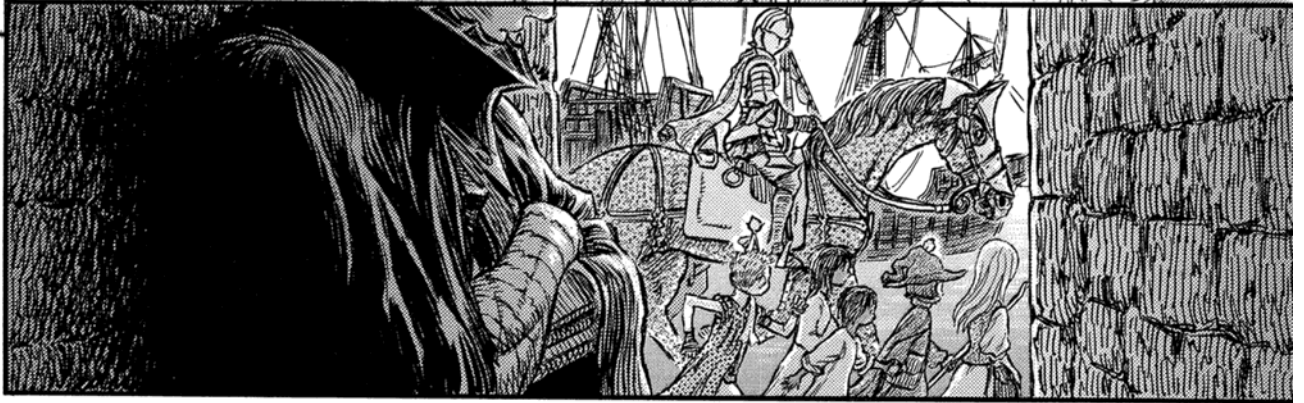
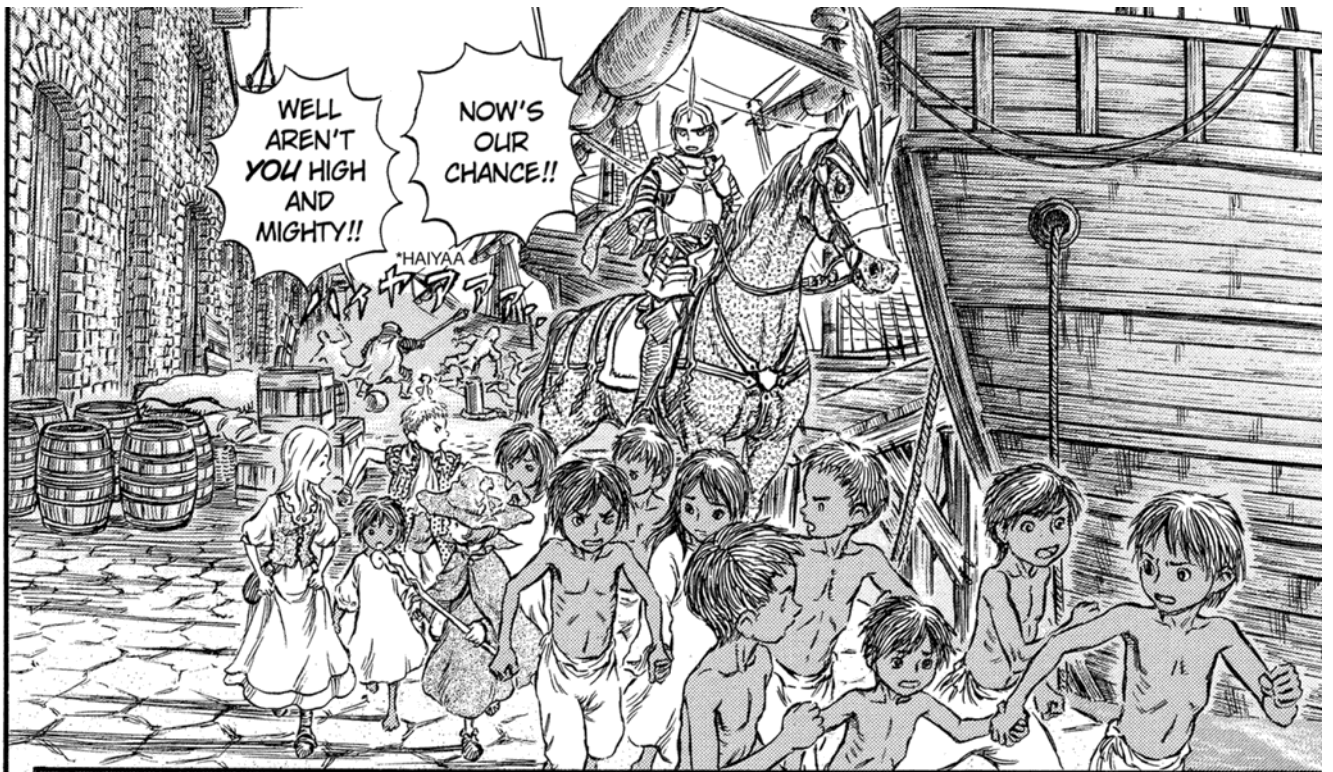


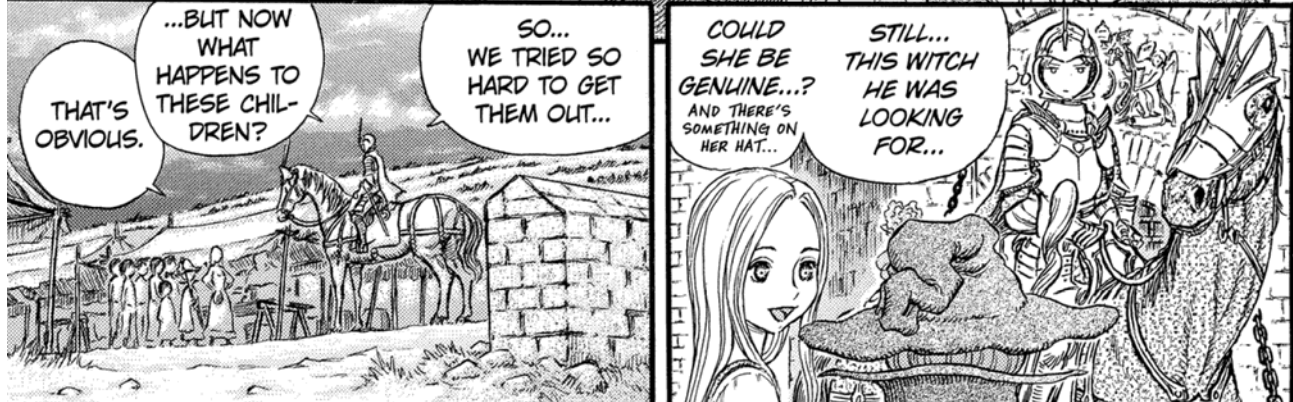
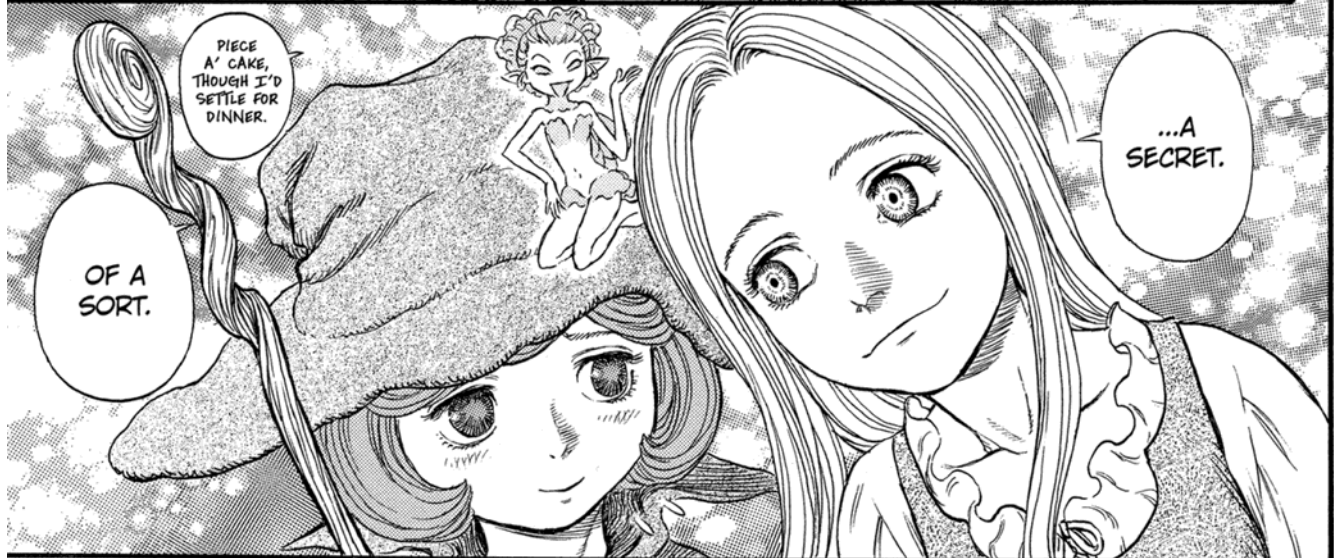
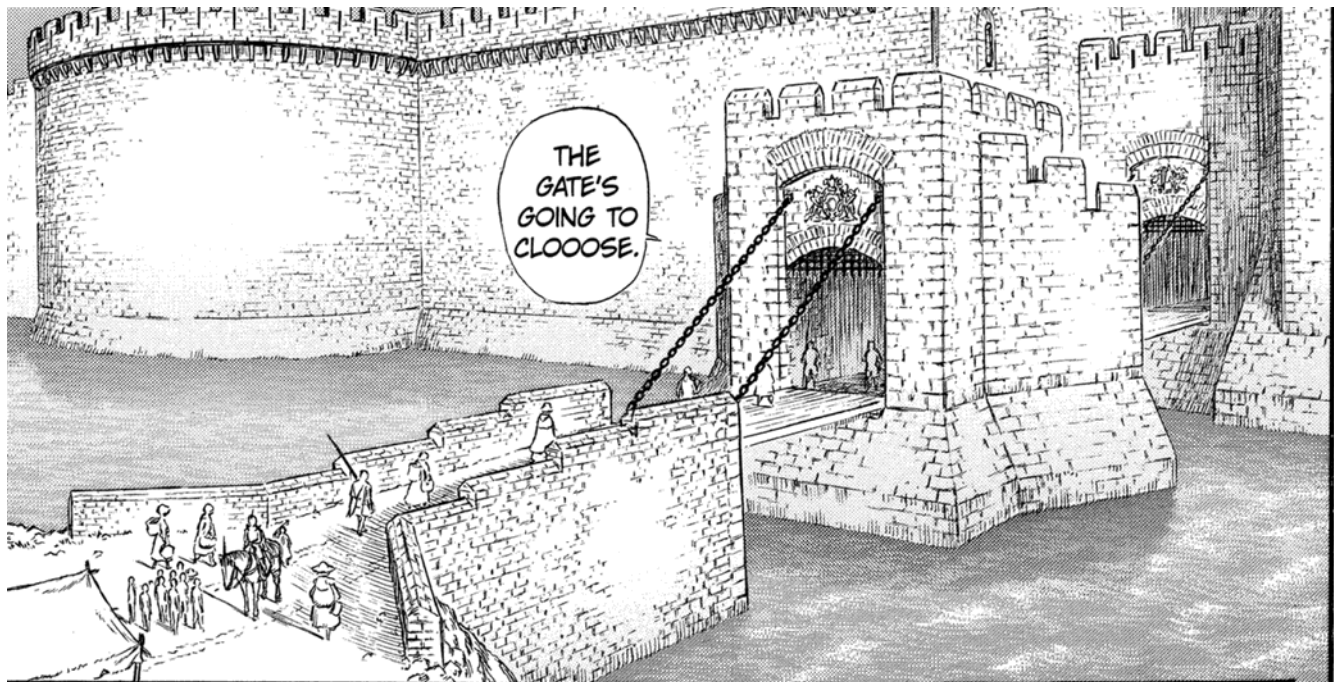
**THAT IS
TO BE A
KNIGHT
!!**

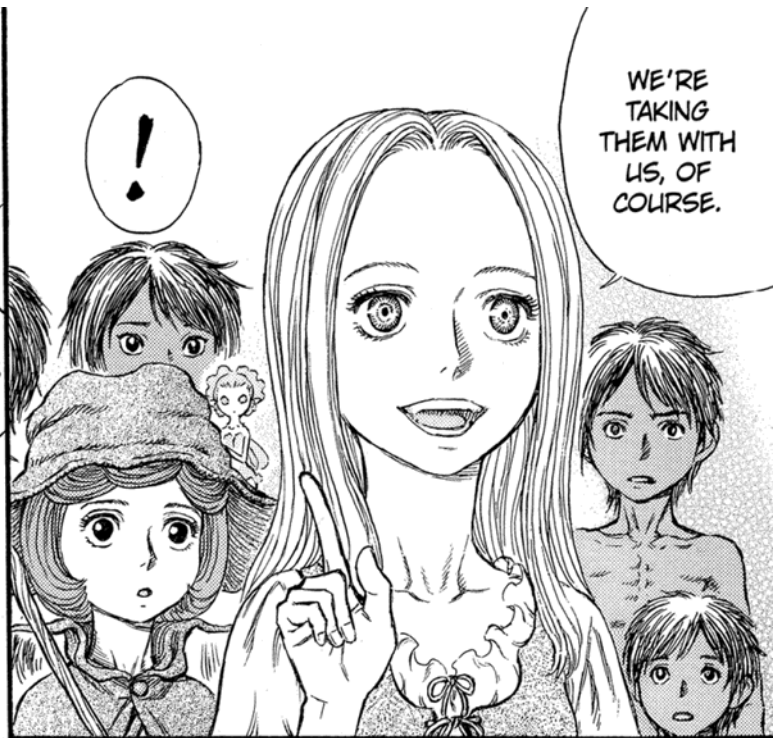
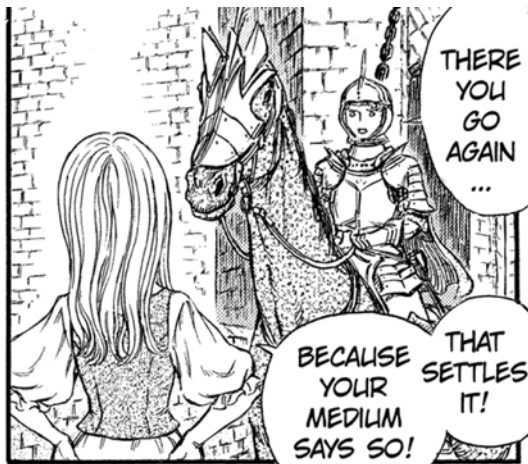
**NO
NEED
FOR
ANY
WORDS
!!!**

**TO ACT
WHEN THE
TIME
ARRIVES
!!**



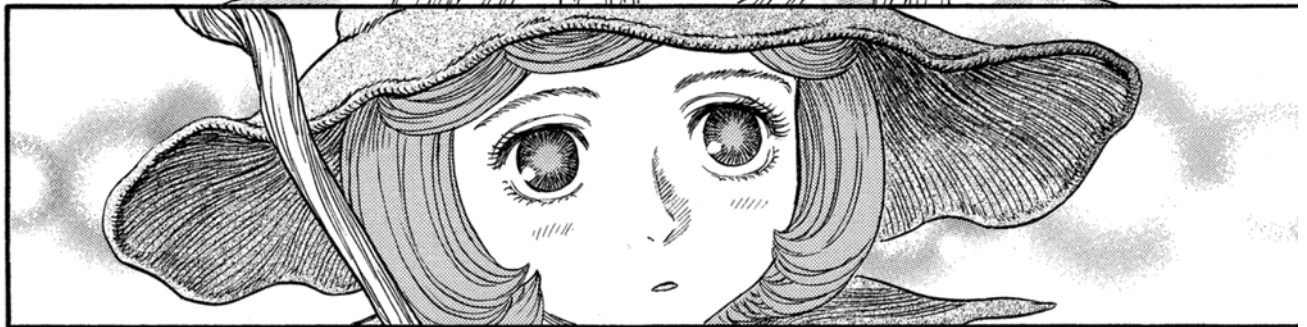




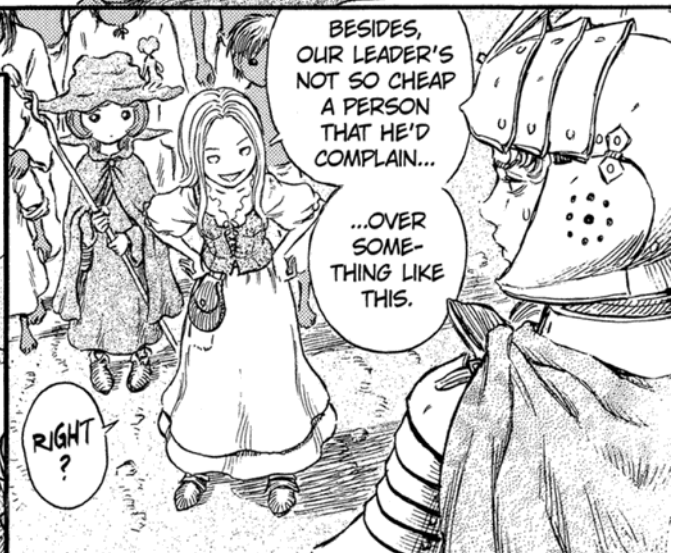
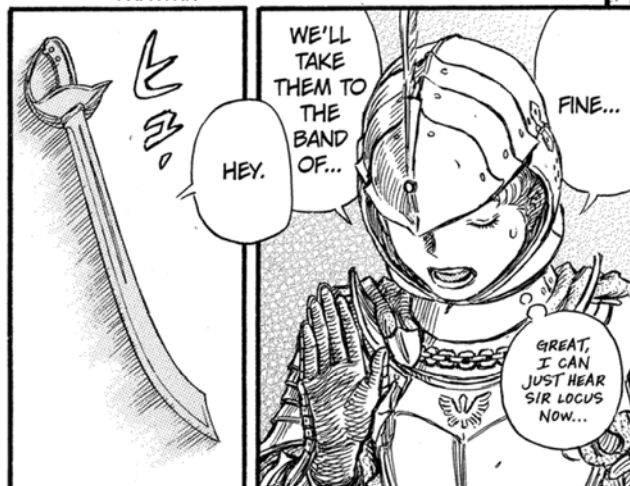


I DON'T WANT TO SMEAR MUD ON A FUN MEMORY.

WELL, IT'S NOT AS IF WE CAN JUST ABANDON THEM.



*FX: HYNN





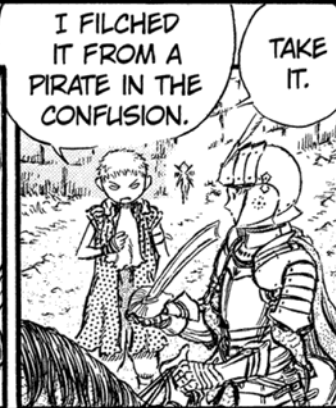
CAN YOU
PROTECT
THEM
UNARMED?

AW,
QUIT BEIN'
A GOODY
GOODY.



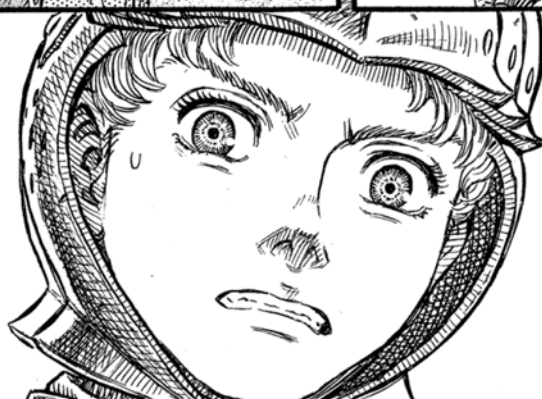
DON'T BE
ABSURD!

A
STOLEN
SWORD
...?!



I FILCHED
IT FROM A
PIRATE IN THE
CONFUSION.

TAKE
IT.



"GH
?"



AND YOU!
YOU
LOOKED AS
SHAMEFUL
AS AN
OVER-
TURNED
FROG!

SO DID
YOU! AND
YOU LOOKED
DRUNK,
STUMBLIN'
AROUND ON
THAT BOAT!

LAME!
HOW
CAN YOU
BECOME
A KNIGHT
THAT
WAY?

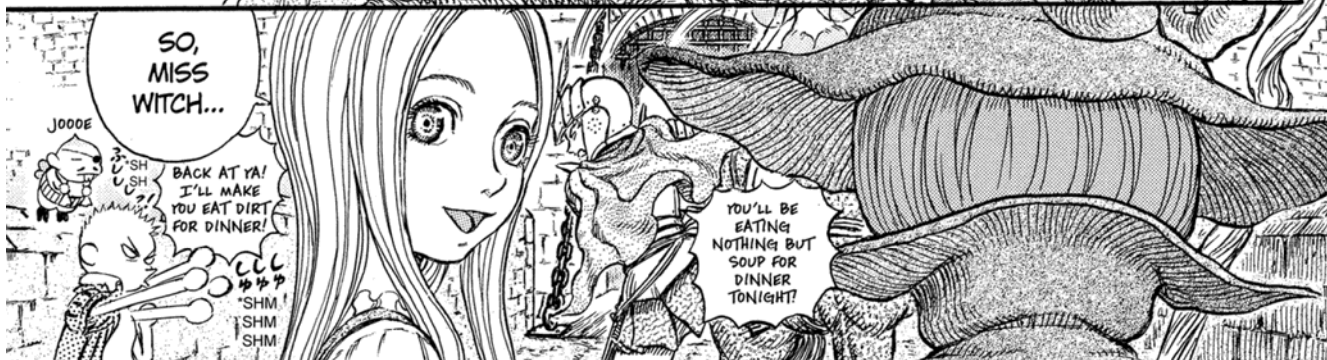
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
DROPPED HIS
SWORD IN
THE WATER!

HE'S
GOOD AT
PROVOKING
PEOPLE.

AT THAT,
HE IS
GIFTED.

A NAT-
URAL.

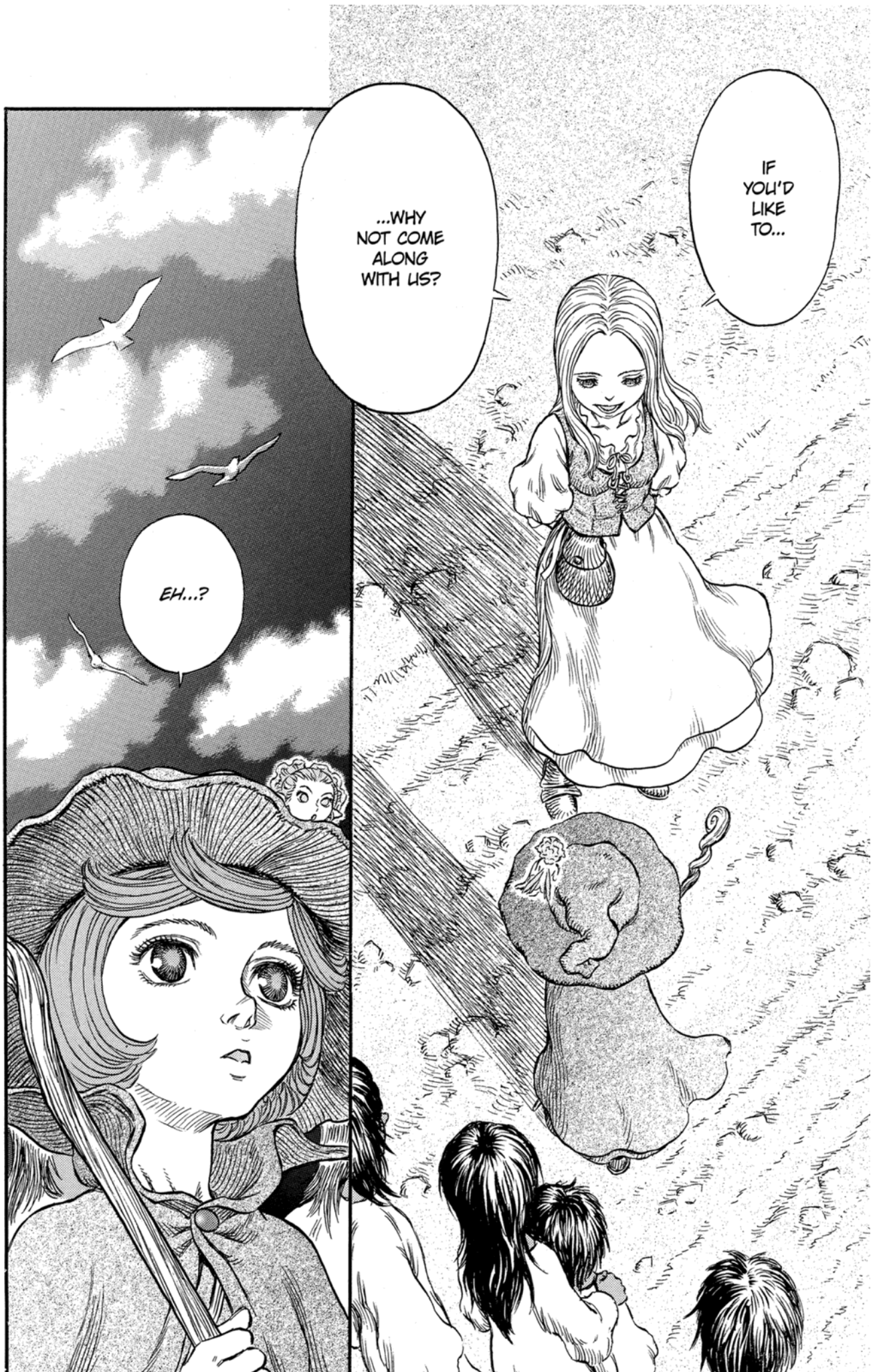
"TIS THE
SOUL OF A
WARRIOR.

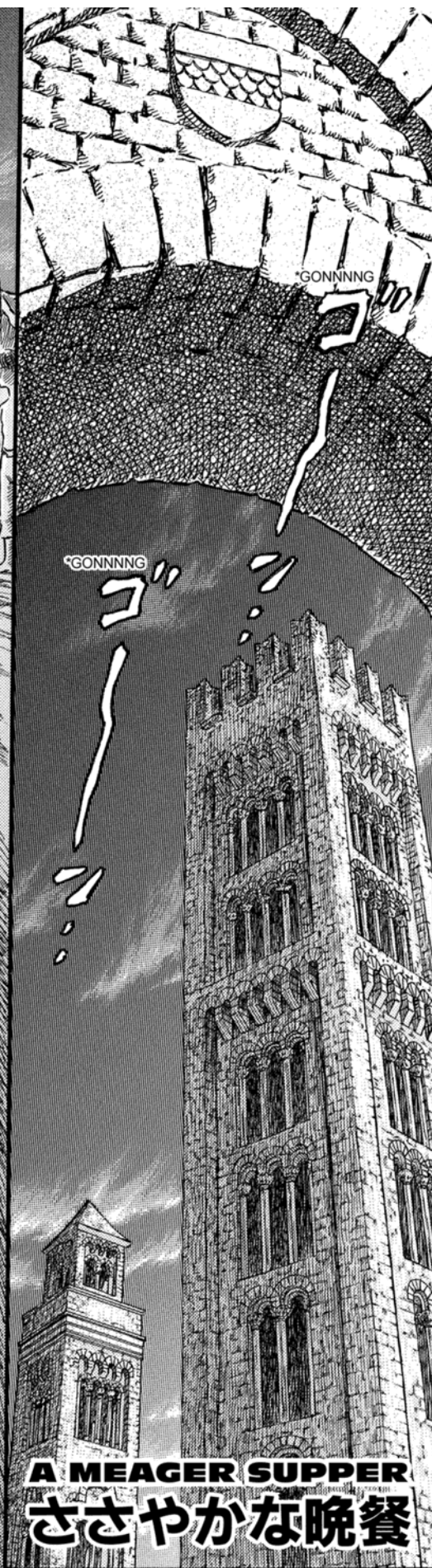
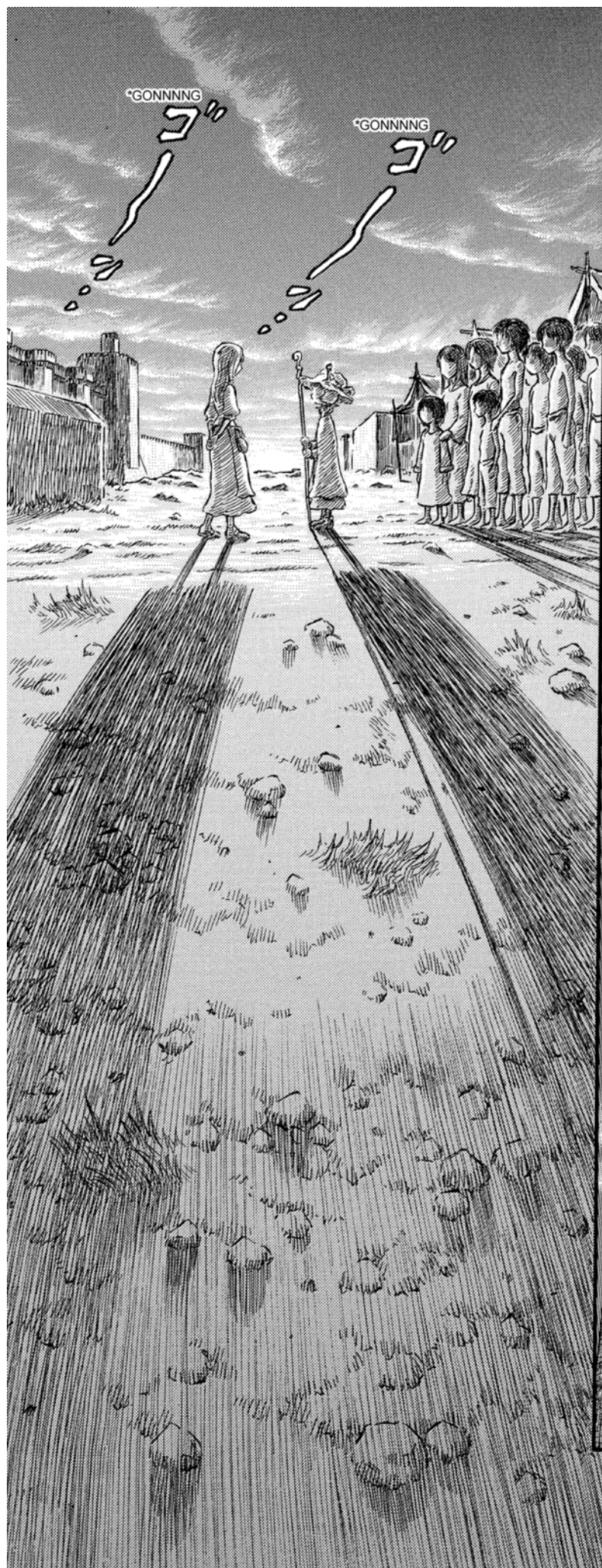


SO,
MISS
WITCH...

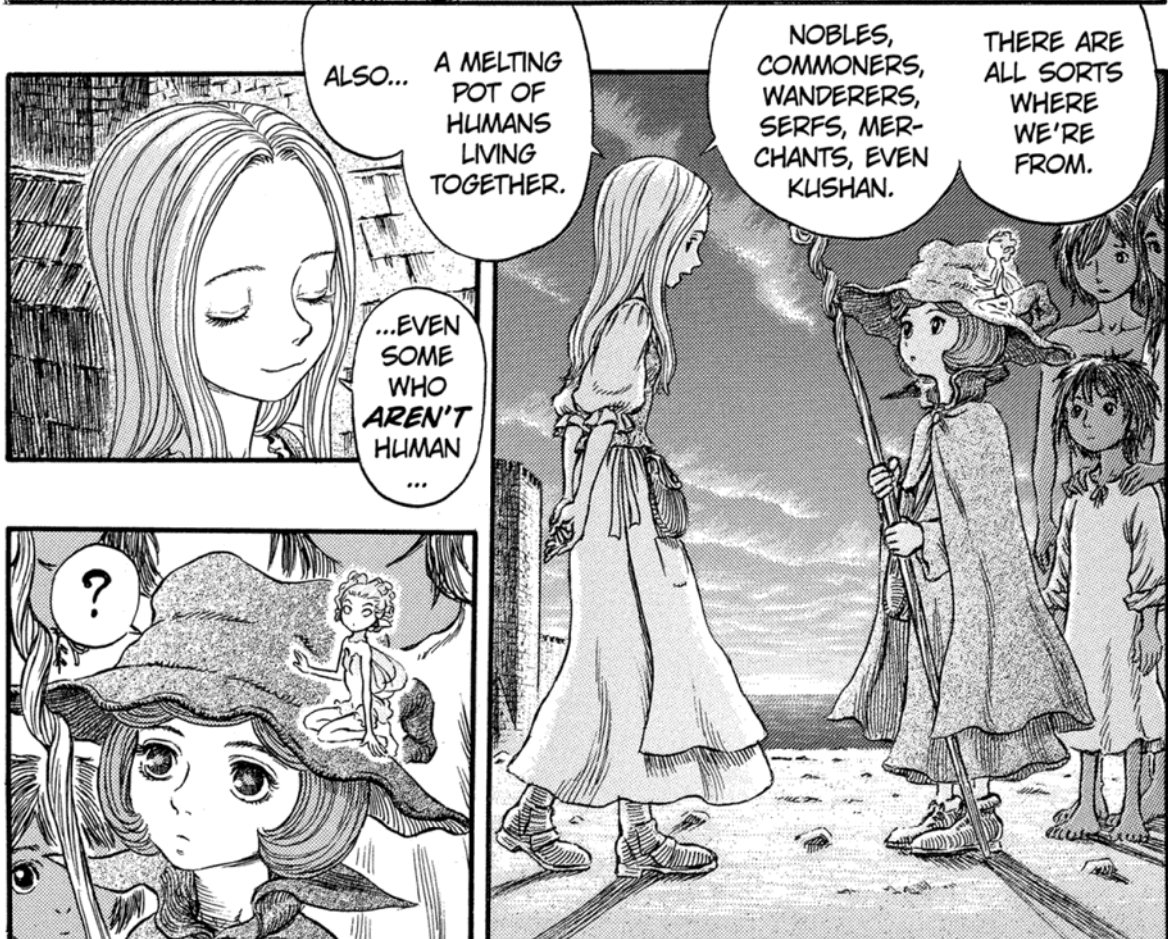
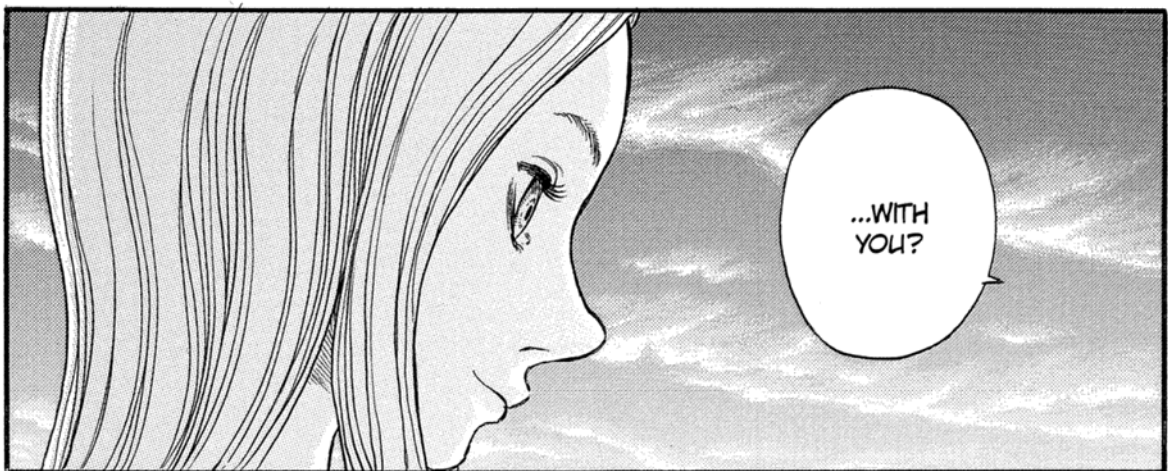
BACK AT YA!
I'LL MAKE
YOU EAT DIRT
FOR DINNER!

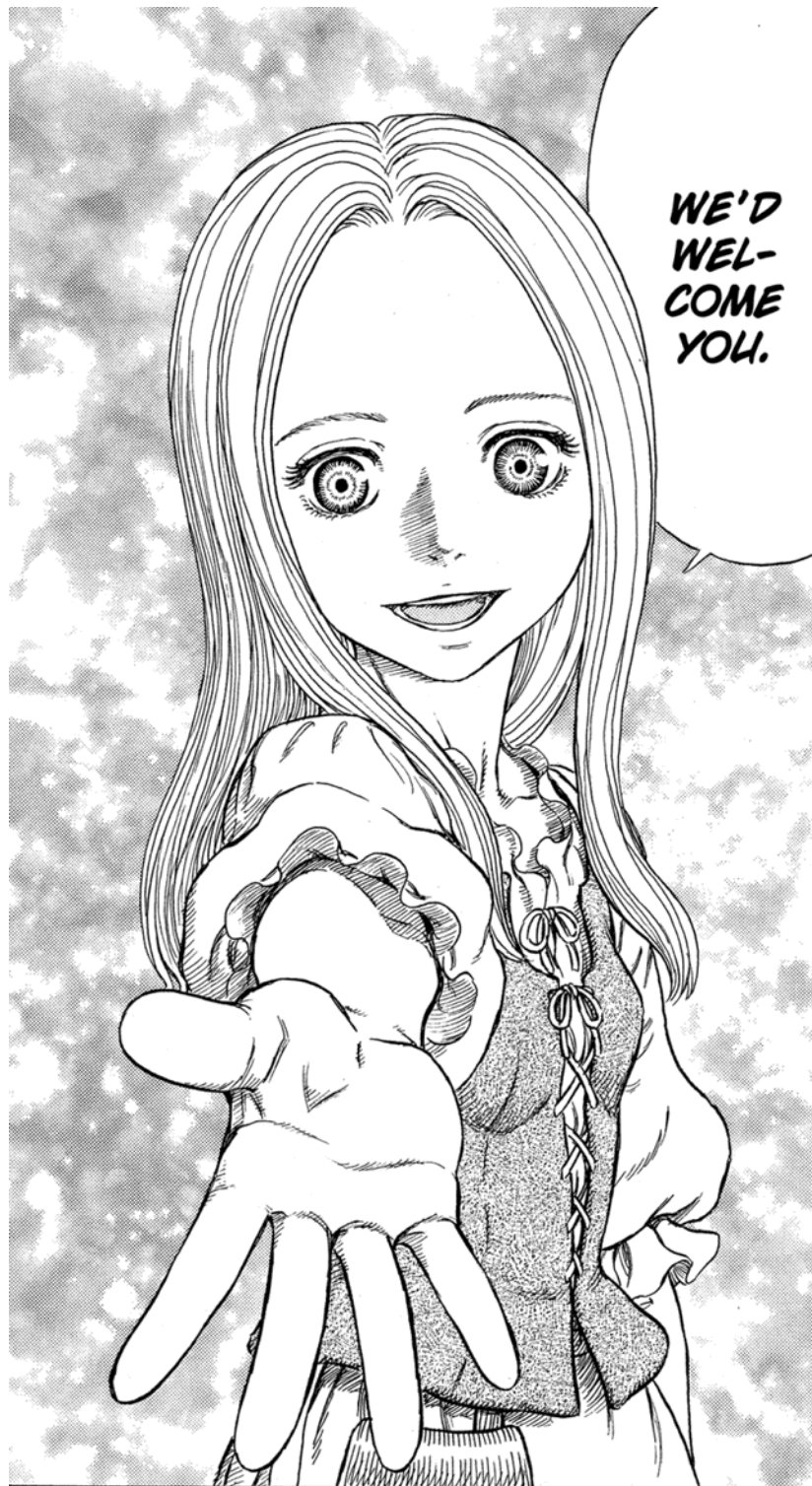
YOU'LL BE
EATING
NOTHING BUT
SOUP FOR
DINNER
TONIGHT!





A MEAGER SUPPER
ささやかな晩餐





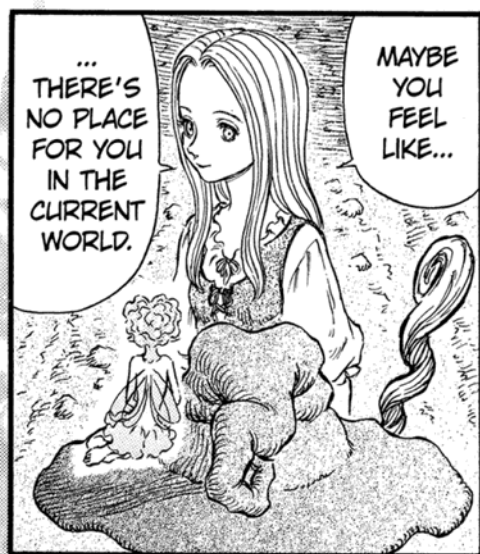
WE'D
WEL-
COME
YOU.



...BUT NO ONE
JUDGES ANYONE
OR DRIVES
THEM OUT FOR
THEIR BIRTH
OR PERSONAL
HISTORY...

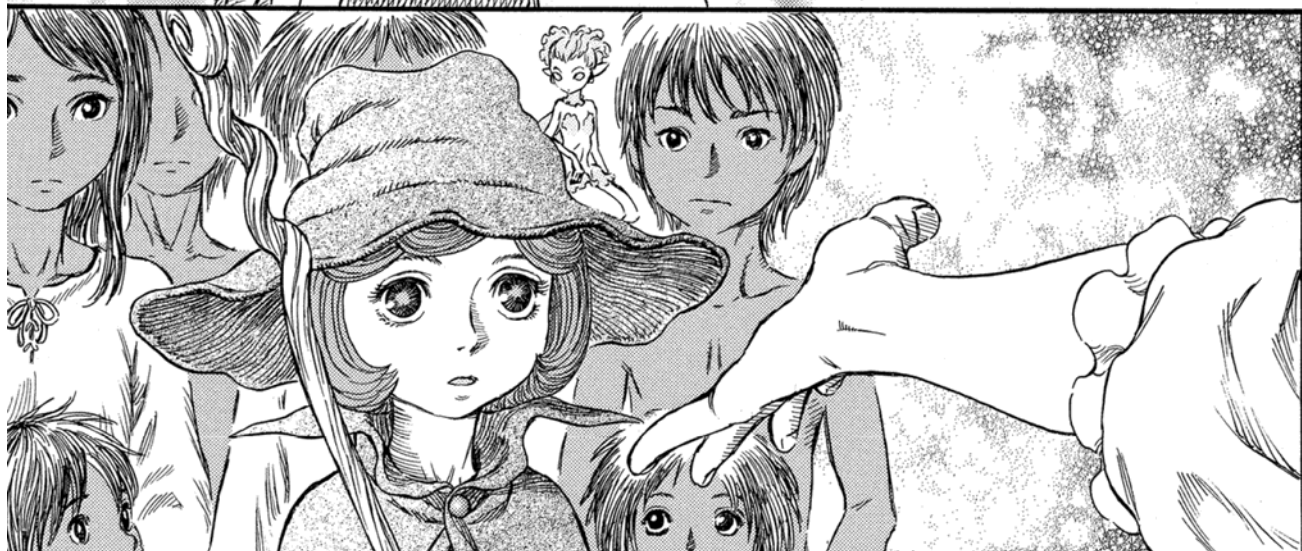
I MEAN,
THERE ARE
QUARRELS
AT TIMES...

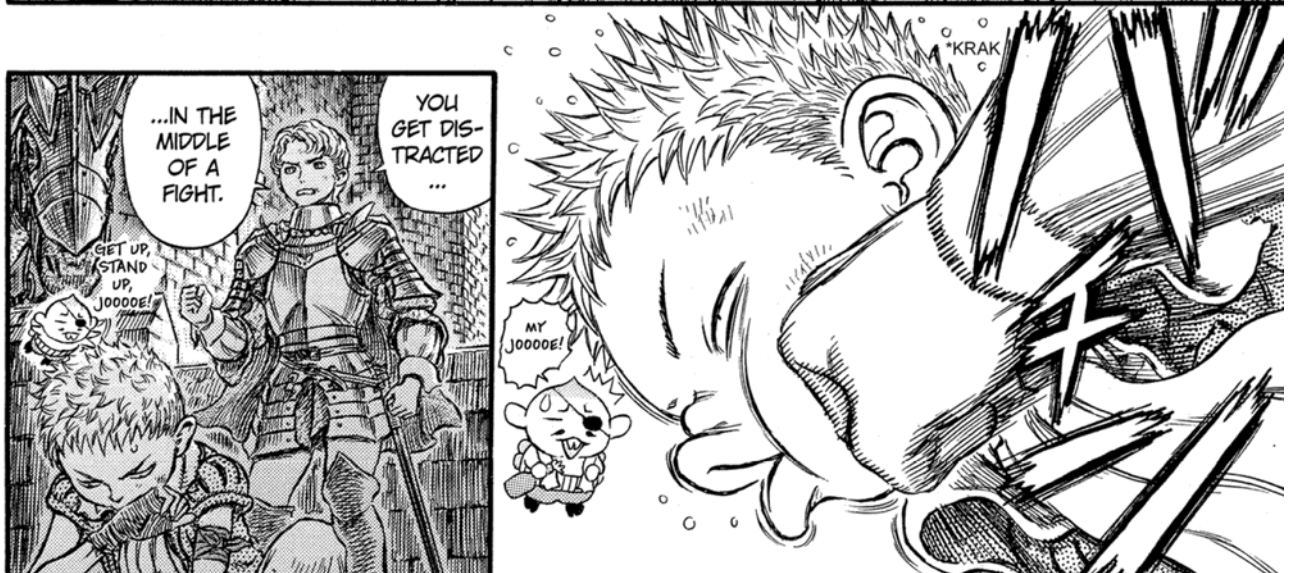
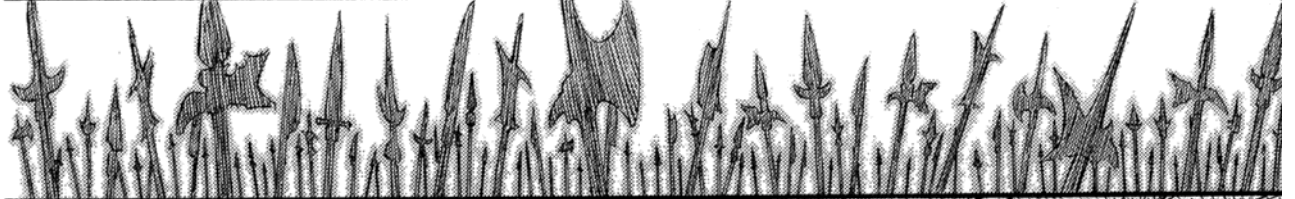
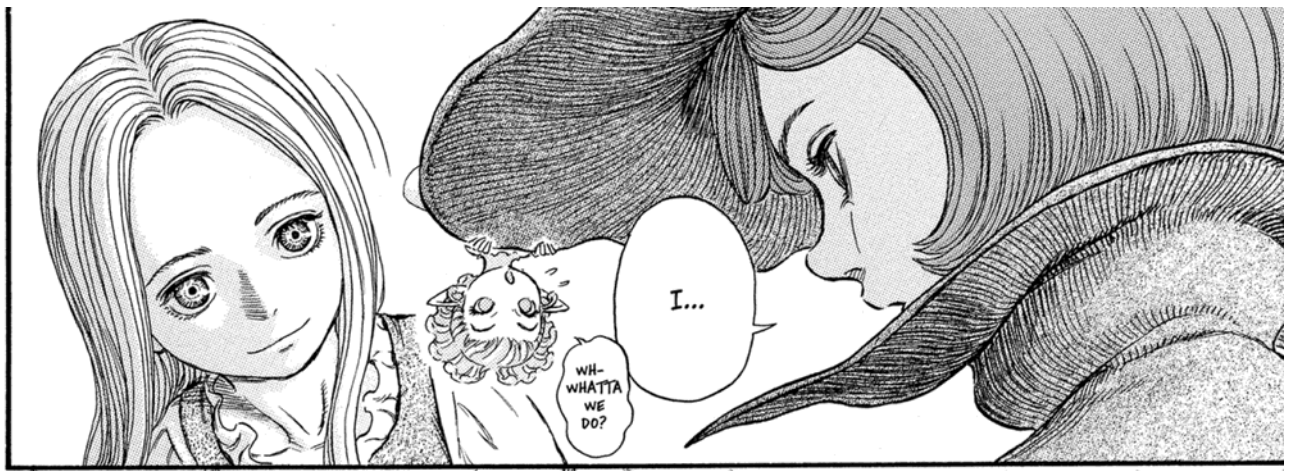
...LIKE
IN THIS
CITY.



...
THERE'S
NO PLACE
FOR YOU
IN THE
CURRENT
WORLD.

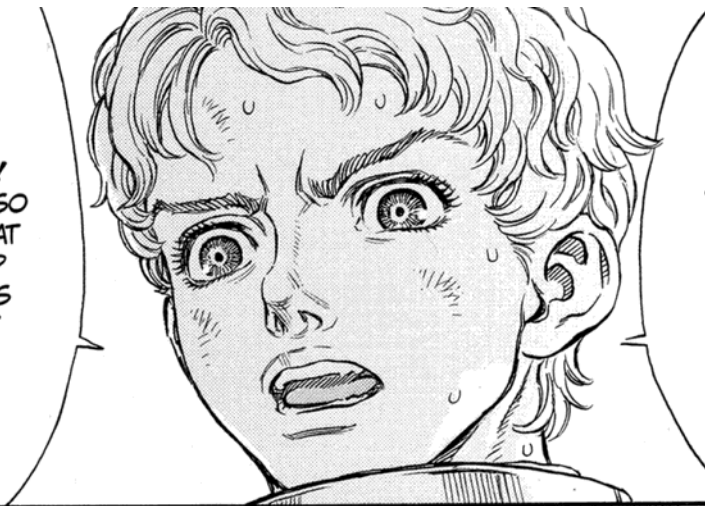
MAYBE
YOU
FEEL
LIKE...





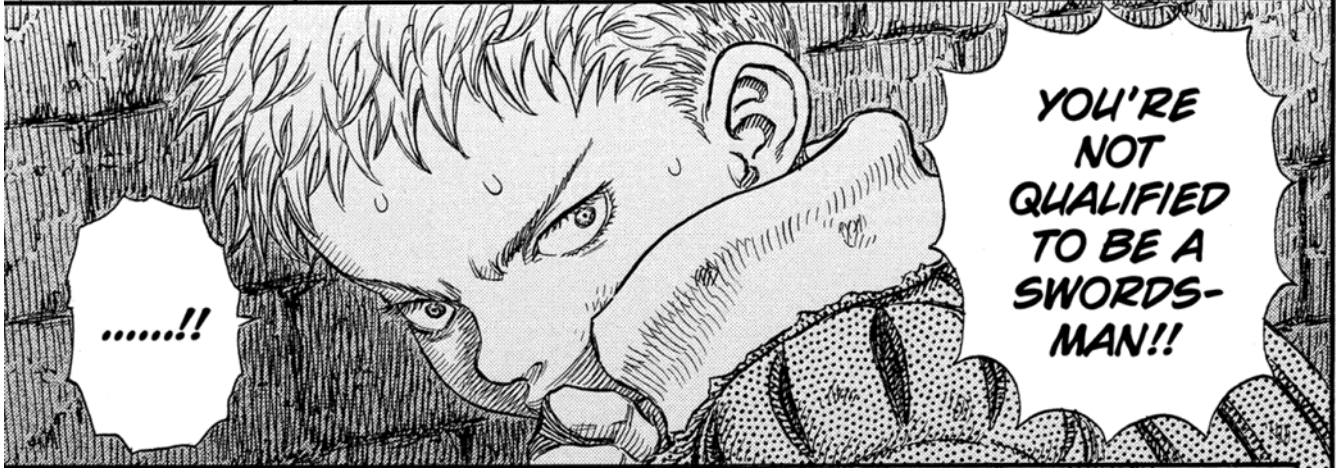
THAT'S
ARROGANCE!
BATTLE'S NOT SO
GENEROUS THAT
YOU CAN HELP
YOUR FRIEND'S
PREDICAMENT
THAT WAY.

IT WAS THE
SAME WAY EARLIER!
YOU FEARED TO BE
THE ONE TO TAKE
YOUR ENEMY'S LIFE
WHEN HIS SWORD
WAS DRAWN!

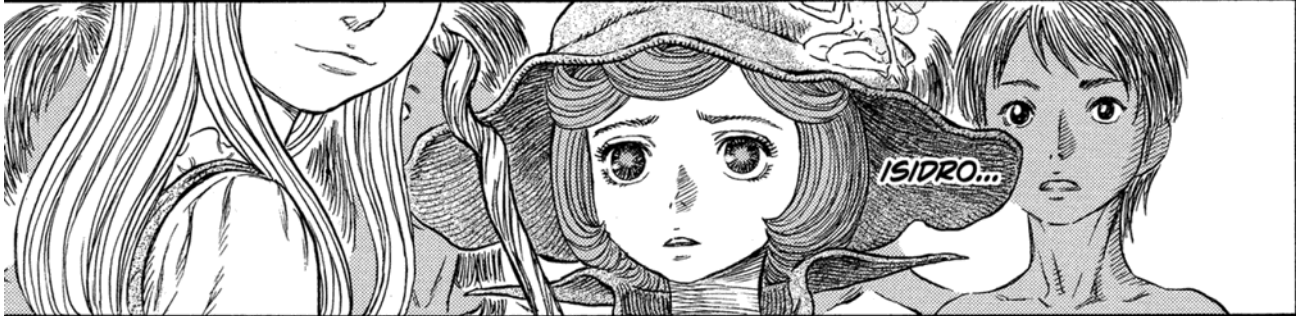


**YOU'RE
NOT
QUALIFIED
TO BE A
SWORDS-
MAN!!**

.....!!

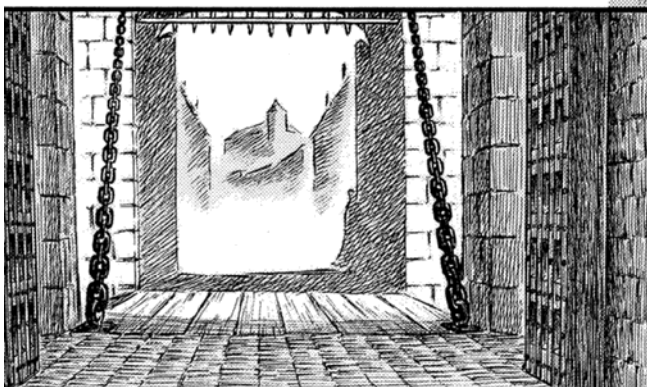


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NOBODY
ASKED
YOU TO!

I
SAVED
YOU
FIRST!

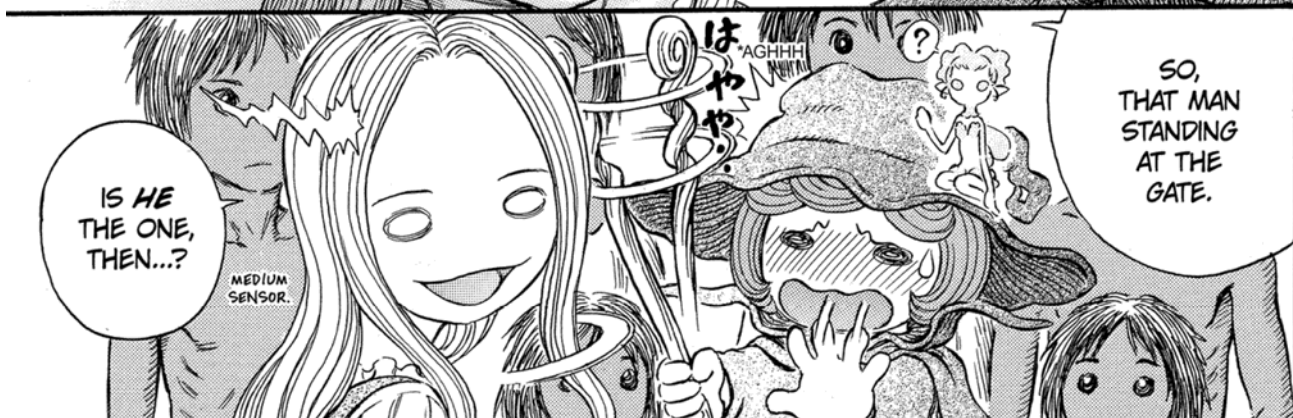
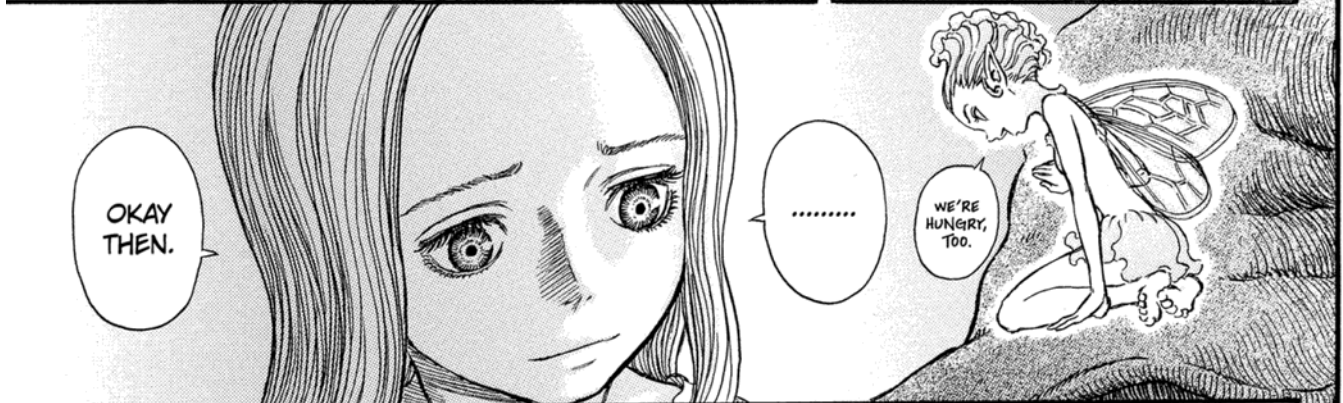
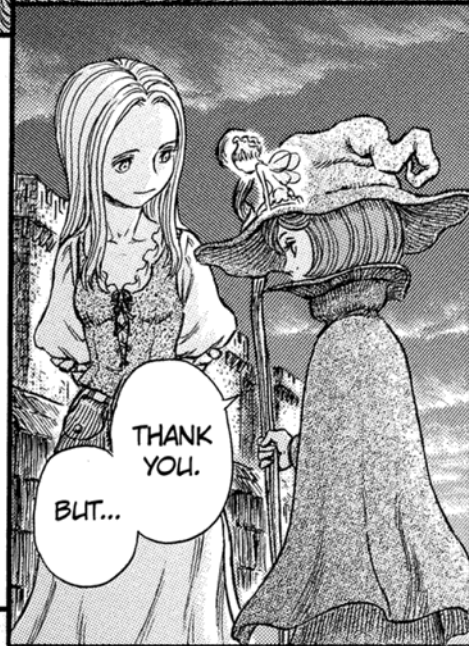
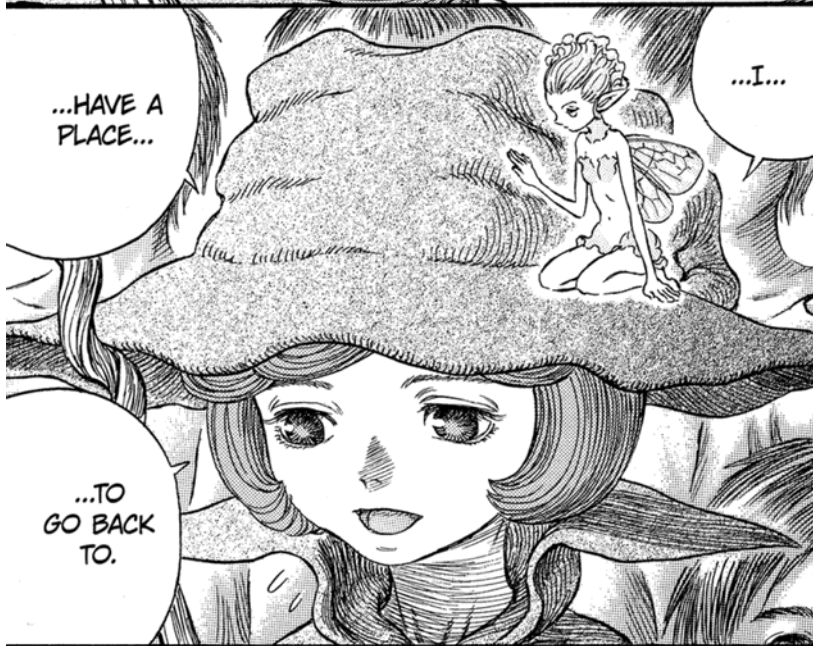
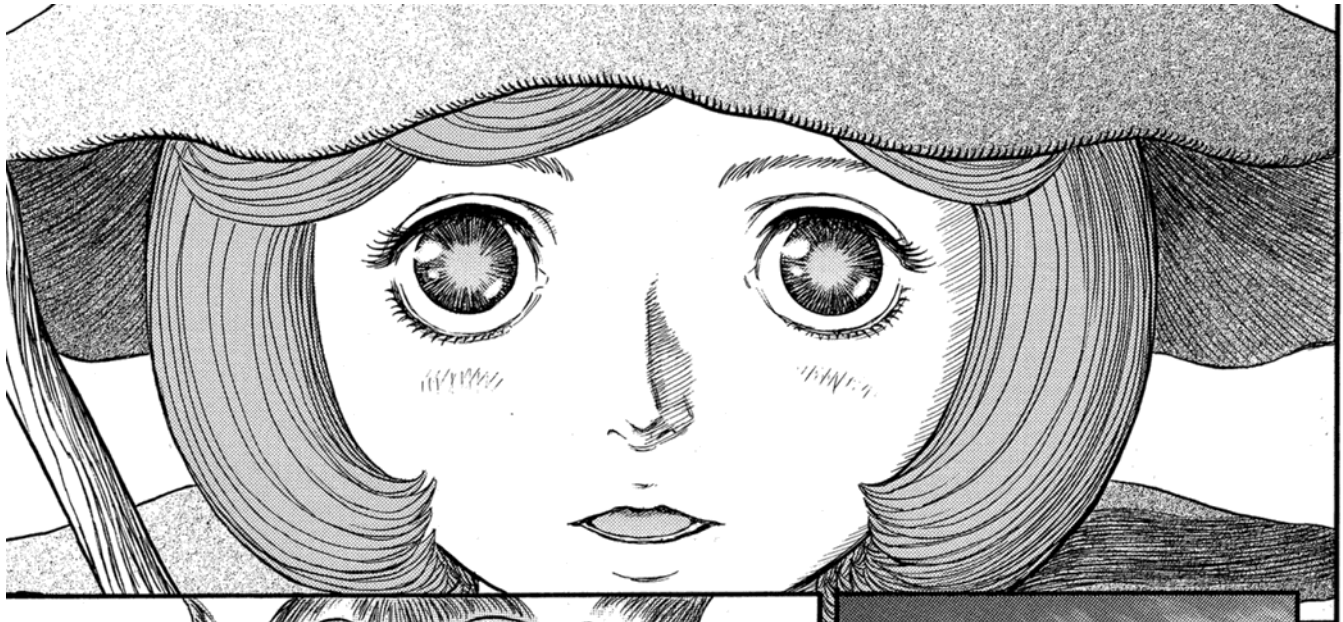


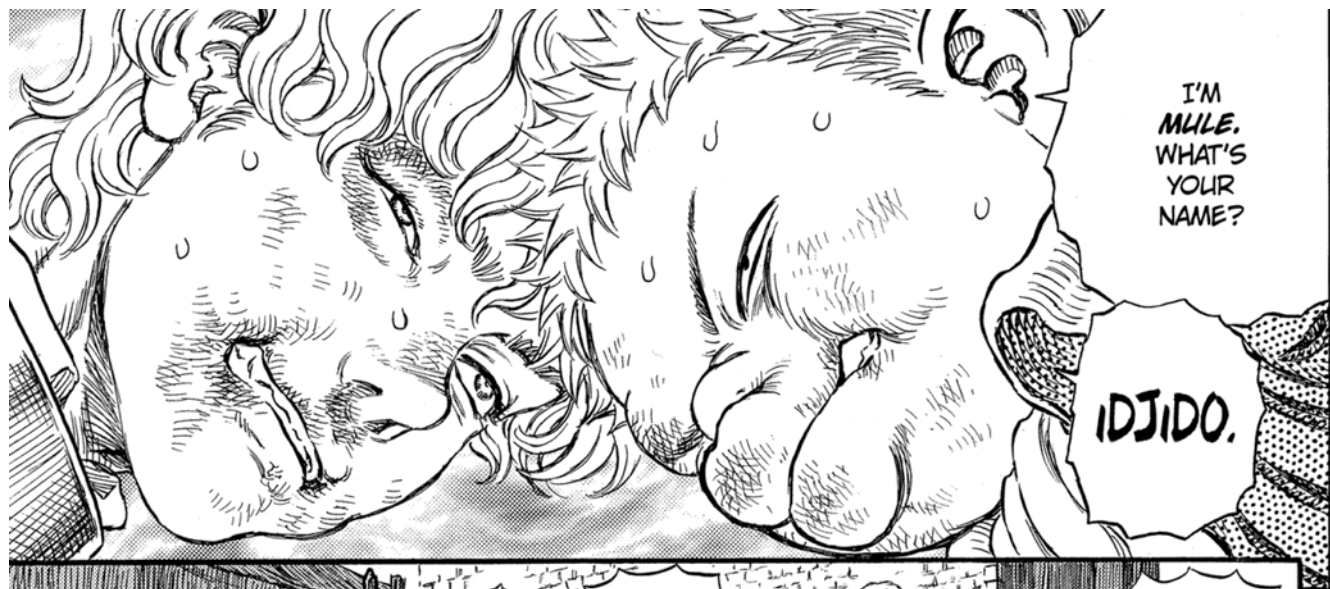
UGLY
HUMAN
WORLD.

'ZAT
WHAT
YOU SAY,
WHEN
I SAVED
YOU?!

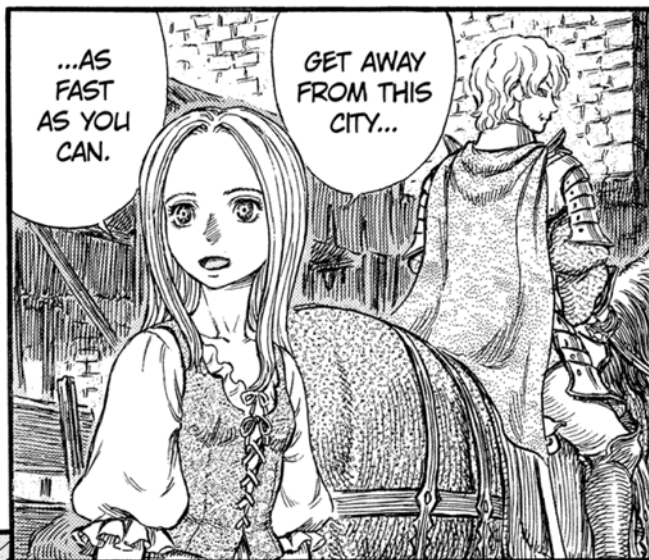
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WHIMP

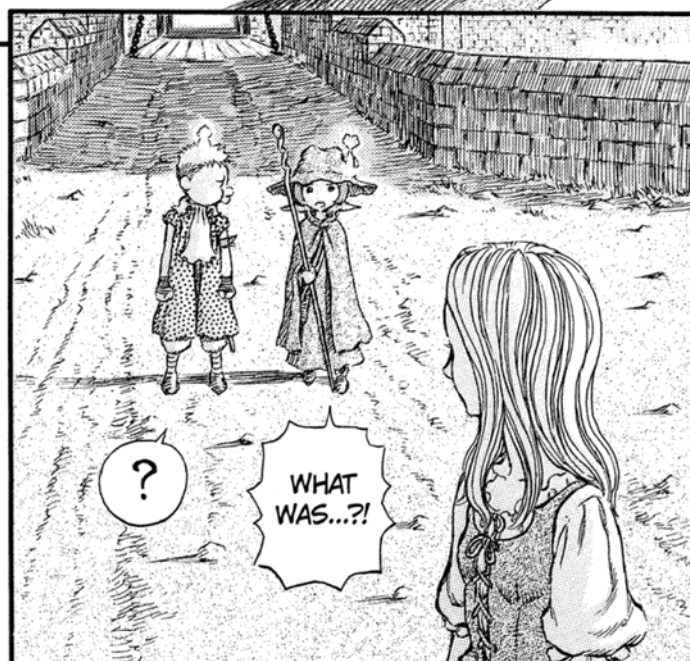
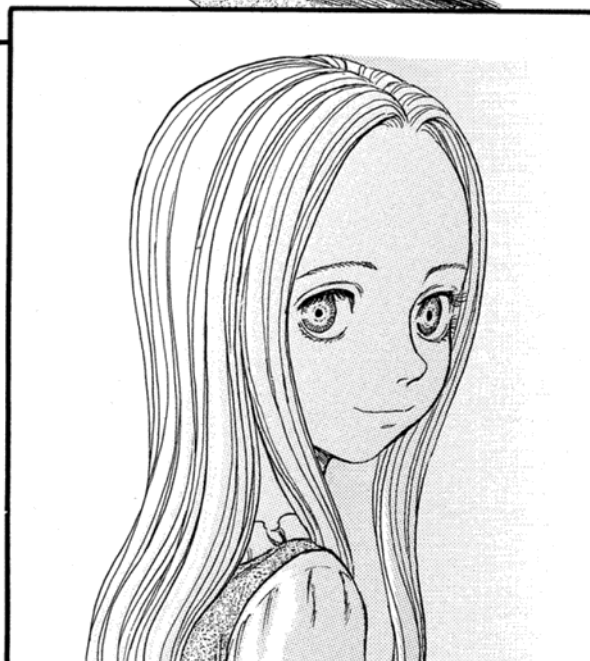


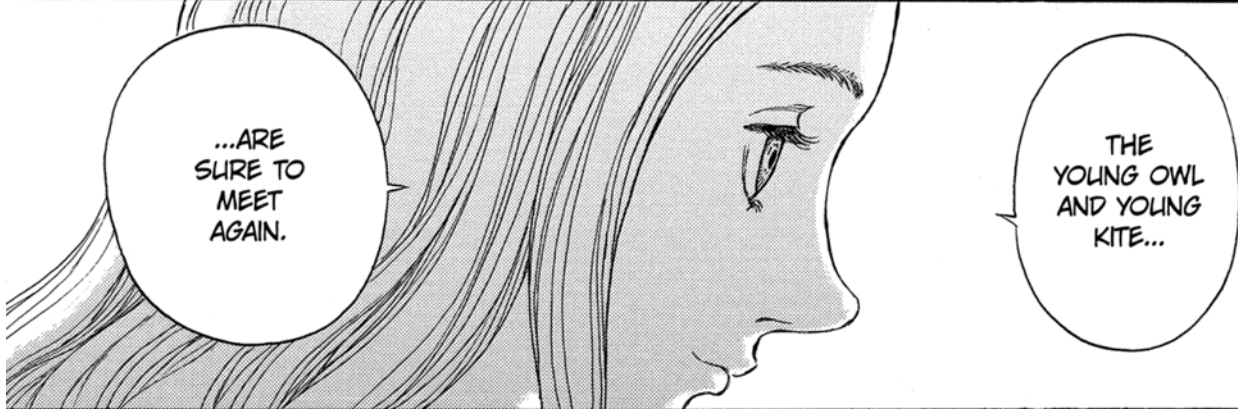
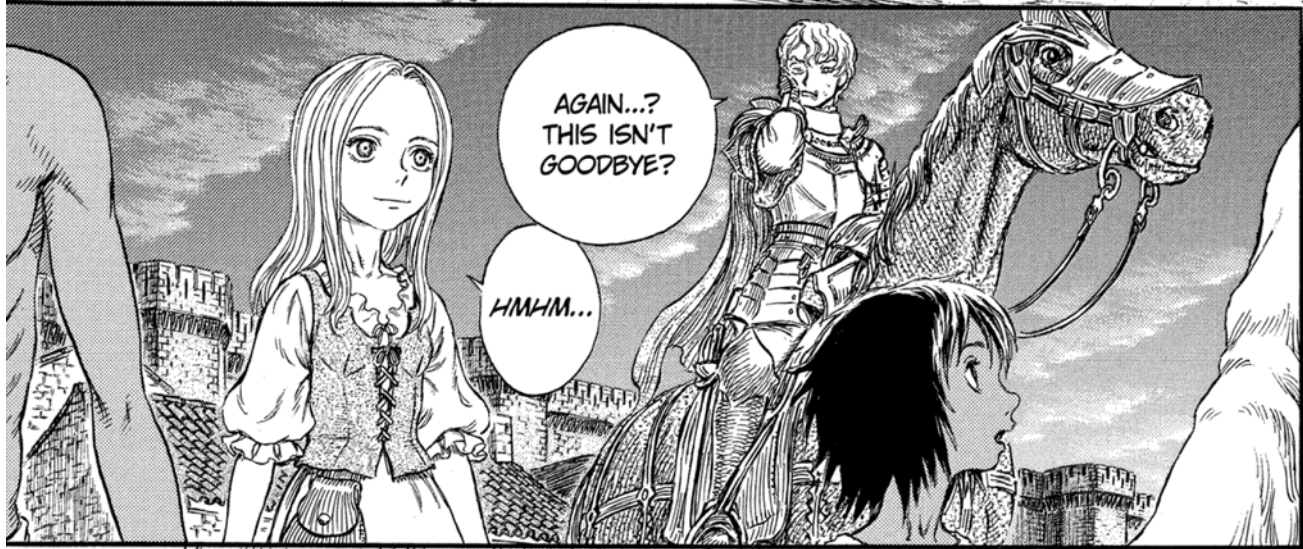


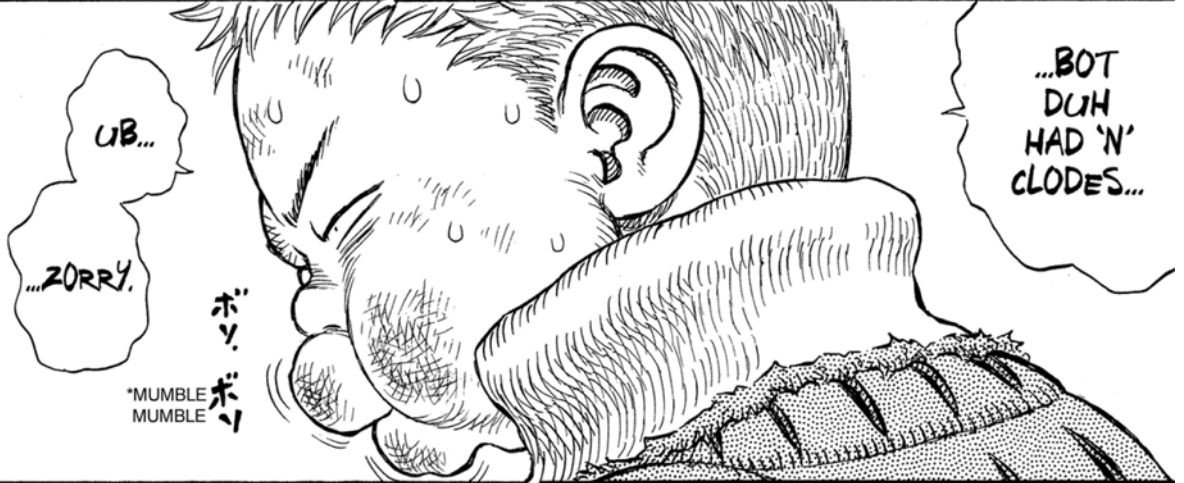
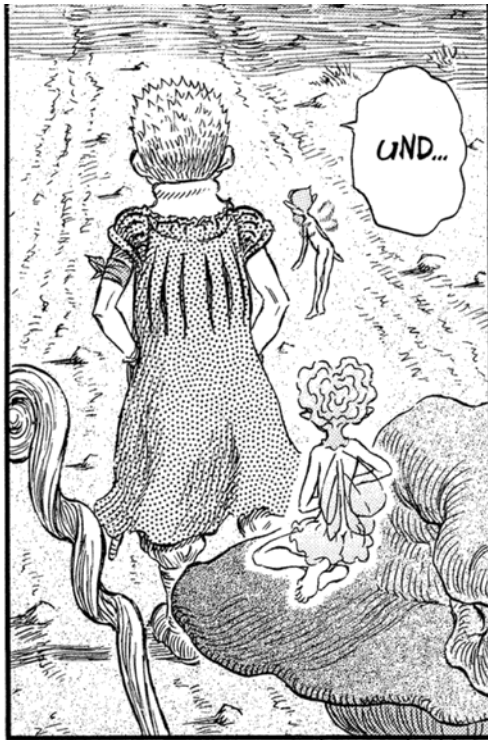


*FX: BOING BOING

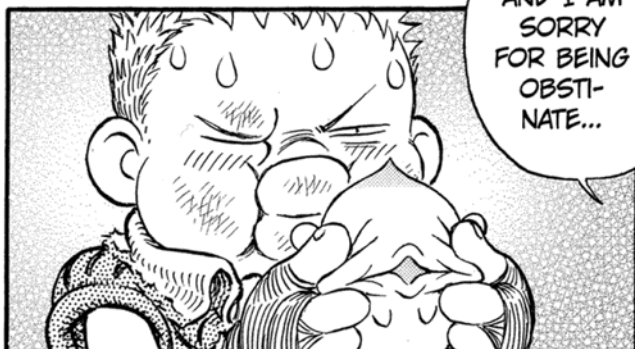


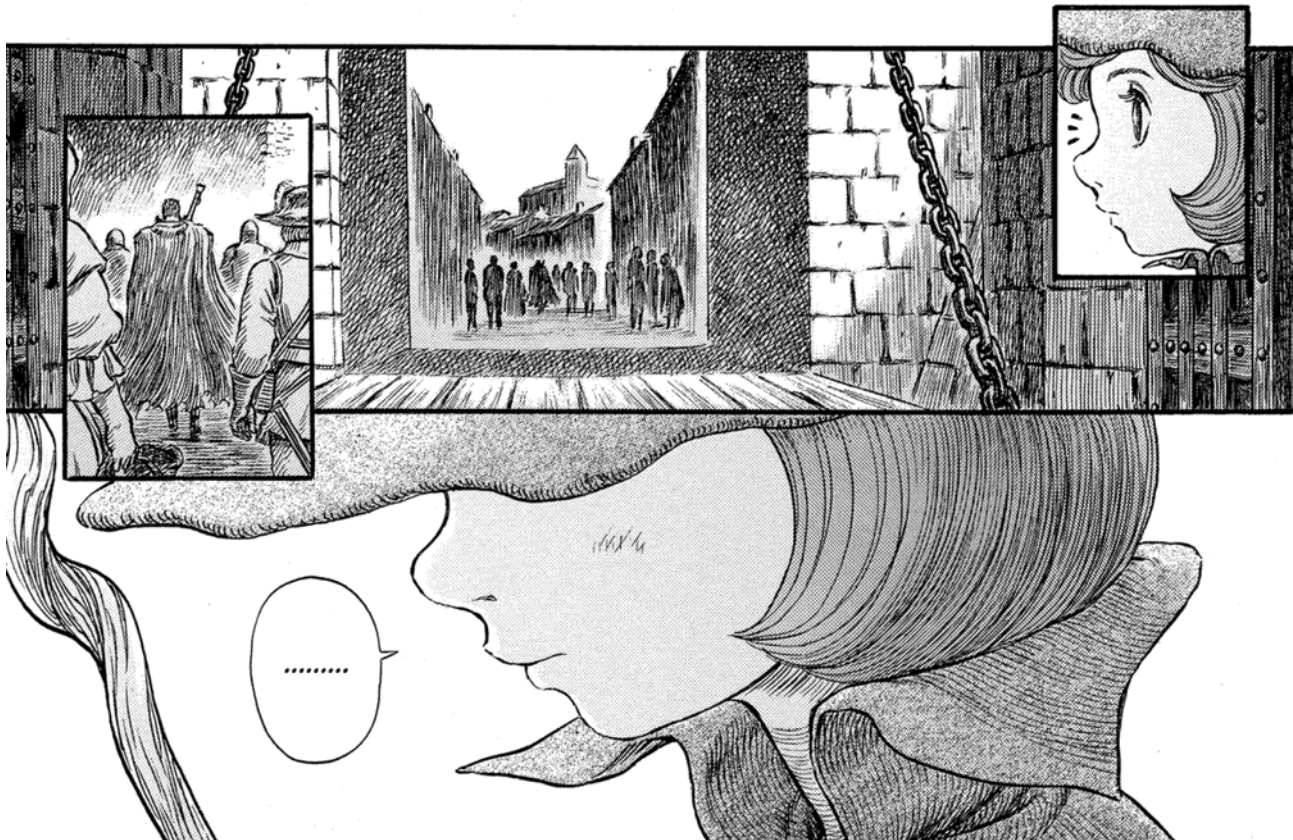
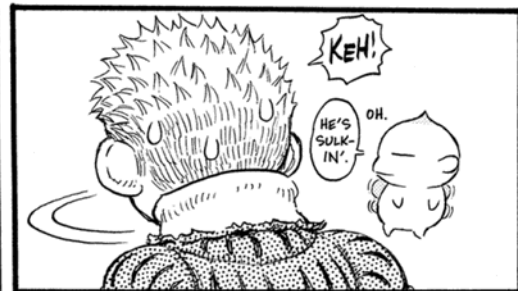
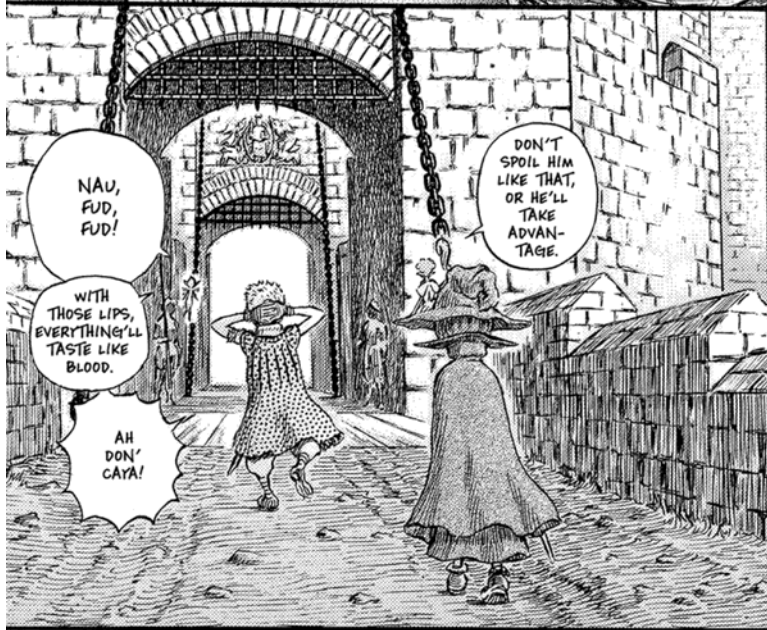
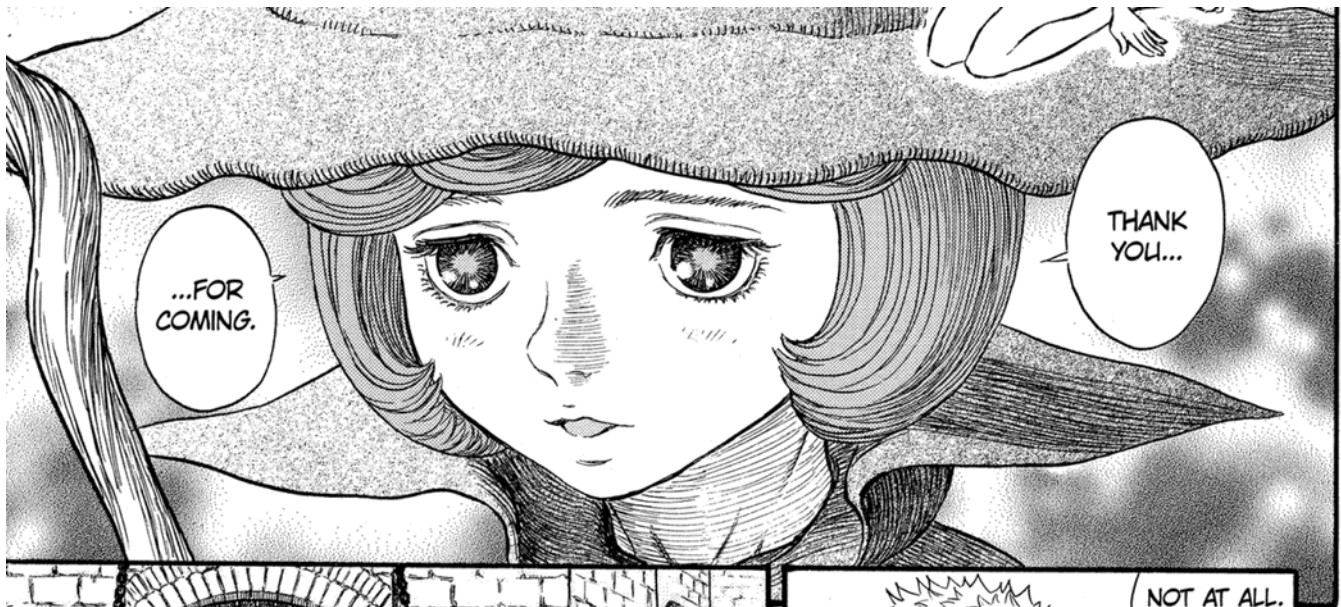






*FX: SQUEEZE





STAGGERIN'
AROUND IN
THAT HEAVY
ARMOR OF HIS.

AND SO
I TOTALLY
ALMOST
HAD HIM
ON HIS
KNEES!



ONE MORE HIT,
MAKE NO MISTAKE,
HE'D HAVE BEEN
FISH BAIT! HE WAS
LUCKY, GETTIN'
BAILED OUT BY
A GIRL!



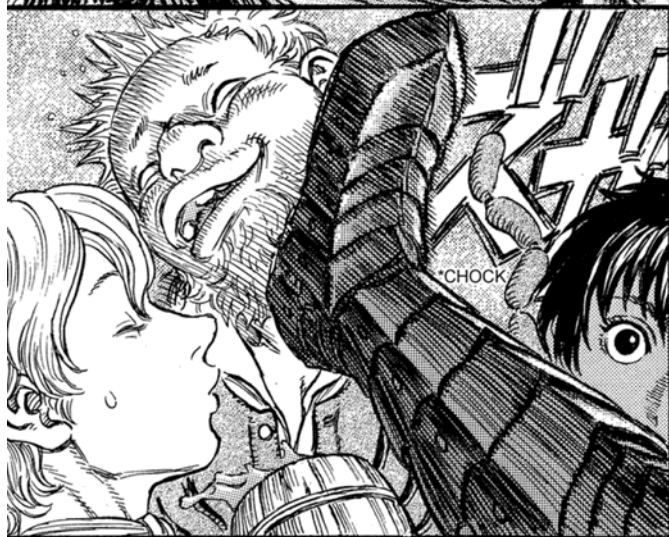
IT HURTS
ME JUST
TO LOOK
AT YOU.

IT CANNOT
BE HELPED.
THE CITY IS SO
FULL OF SOLDIERS,
WE MUST BE
THANKFUL THERE
WAS ANY ROOM
AT ALL.

STILL,
THOUGH, IT'S
NOTHIN' BUT
RUFFIANS IN
HERE. WEREN'T
THERE ANY
BETTER
PLACES?



CANTEENS
ARE ALIKE
ANYWHERE
YOU GO.
GAMBLING,
FIGHTS,
WHORES...



HEY, GIRL,
C'MERE 'N'
FILL MY
CUP.

UH,
SIR...



B-
BUT...

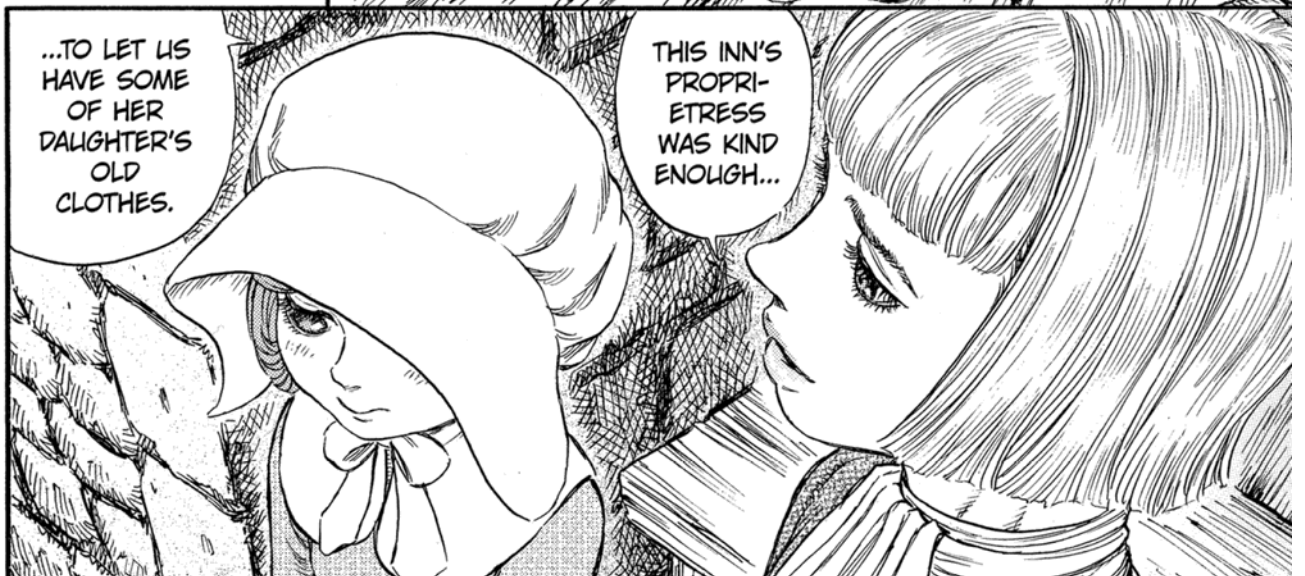
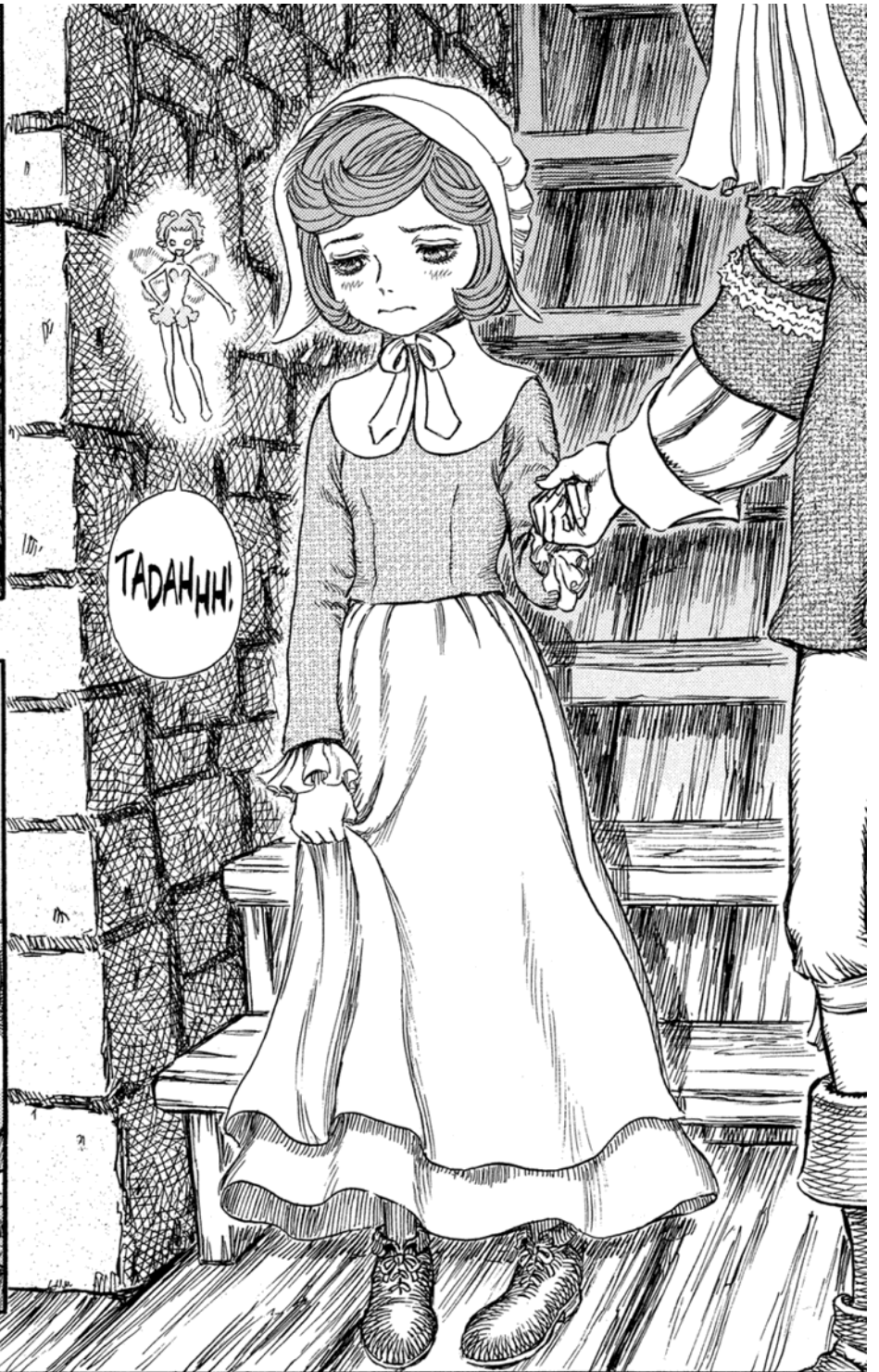
SORRY
TO KEEP
EVERYONE
WAITING.

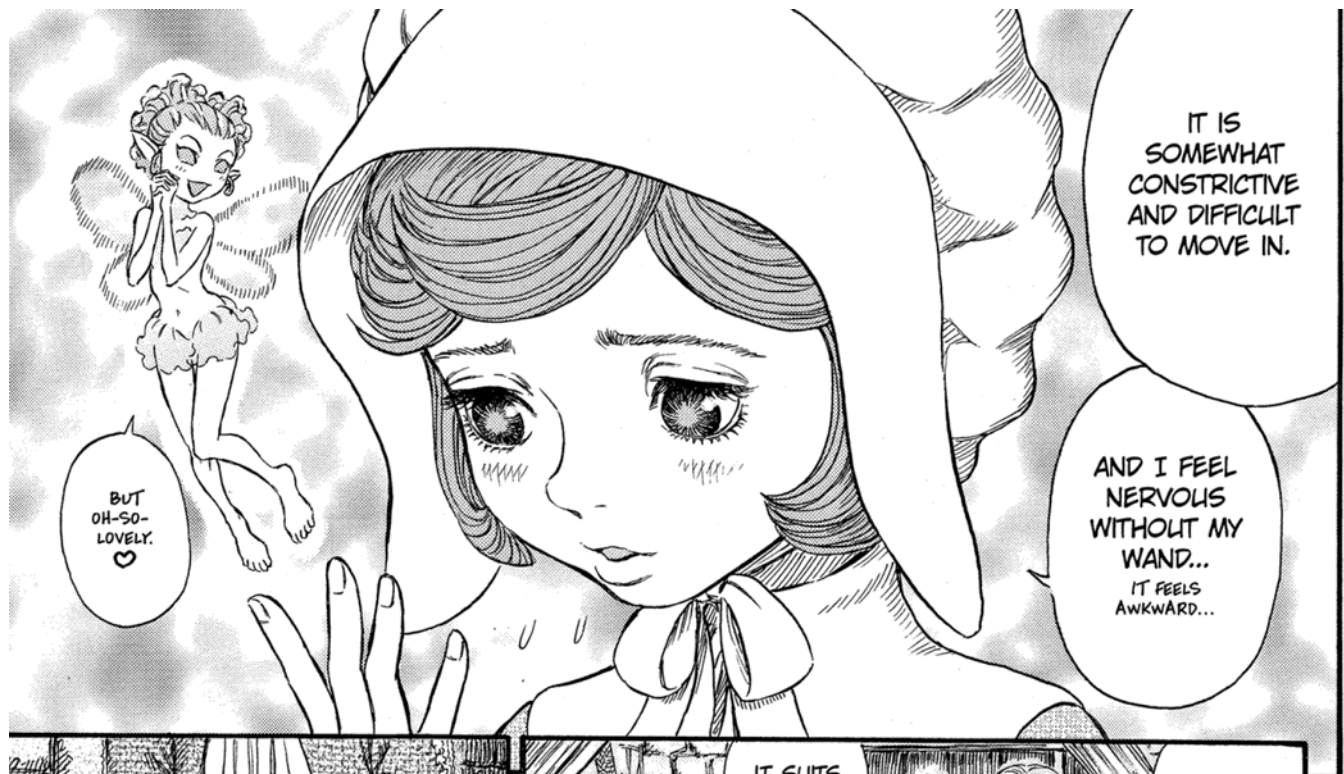
COME
ON.



PLEASE DON'T
LIFT YOUR FOOT
OVER THE
TABLE DURING
A MEAL.

...AND
DRINKS.





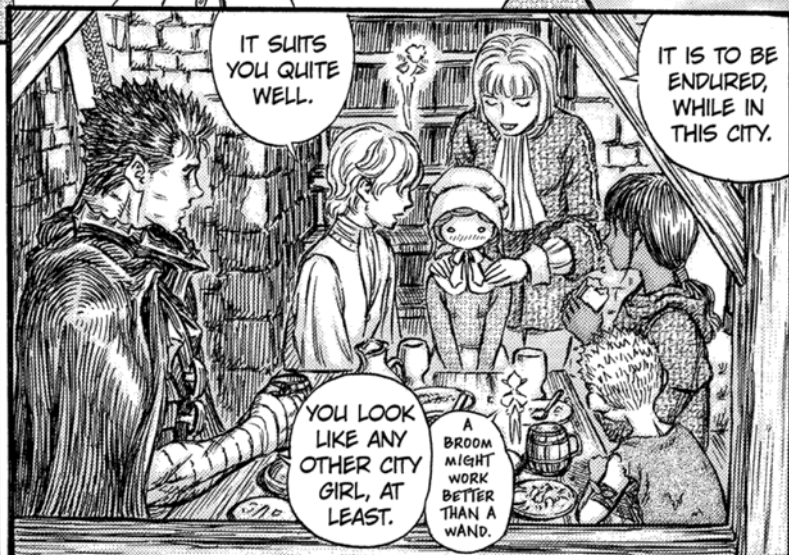
IT IS
SOMEWHAT
CONSTRICTIVE
AND DIFFICULT
TO MOVE IN.

AND I FEEL
NERVOUS
WITHOUT MY
WAND...
IT FEELS
AWKWARD...

BUT
OH-SO-
LOVELY.
♡



*FX: GLANCE



IT SUITS
YOU QUITE
WELL.

IT IS TO BE
ENDURED,
WHILE IN
THIS CITY.

YOU LOOK
LIKE ANY
OTHER CITY
GIRL, AT
LEAST.

A
BROOM
MIGHT
WORK
BETTER
THAN A
WAND.



WHAT
?

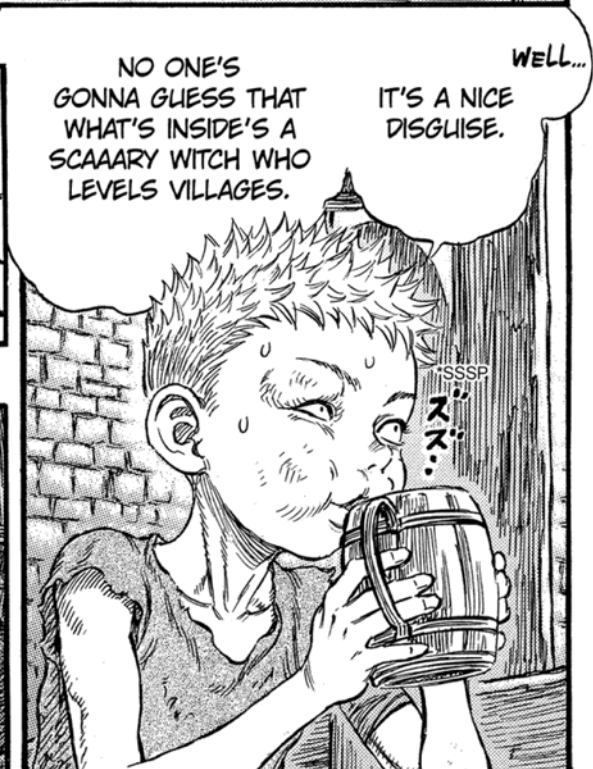
WH...

A
MONKEY
TO THE
END.

YOU
NEVER
LEARN.



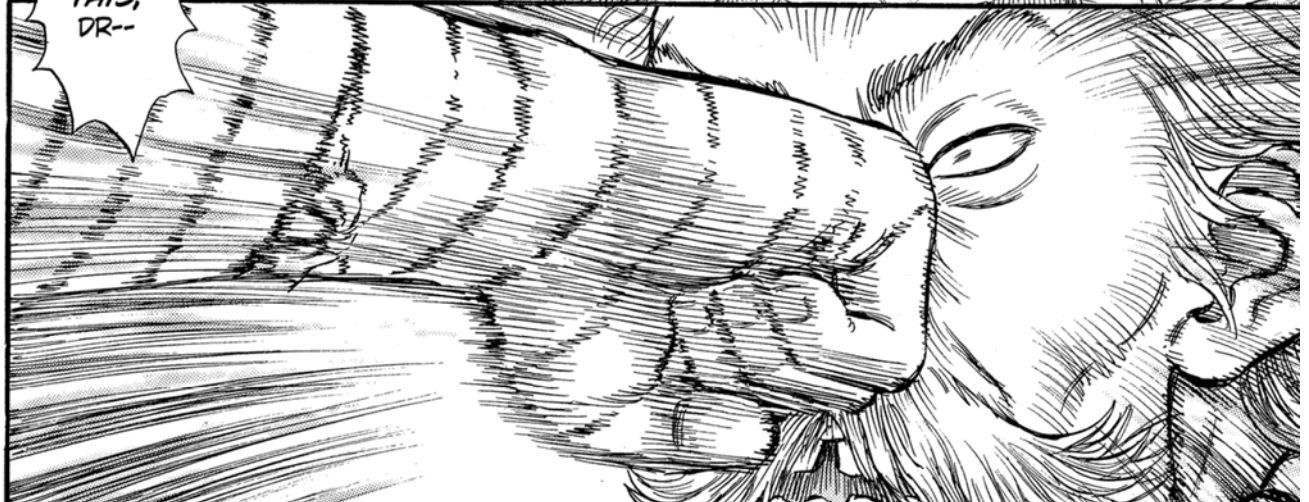
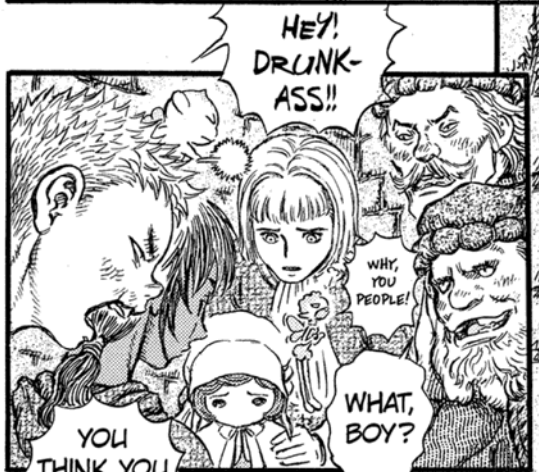
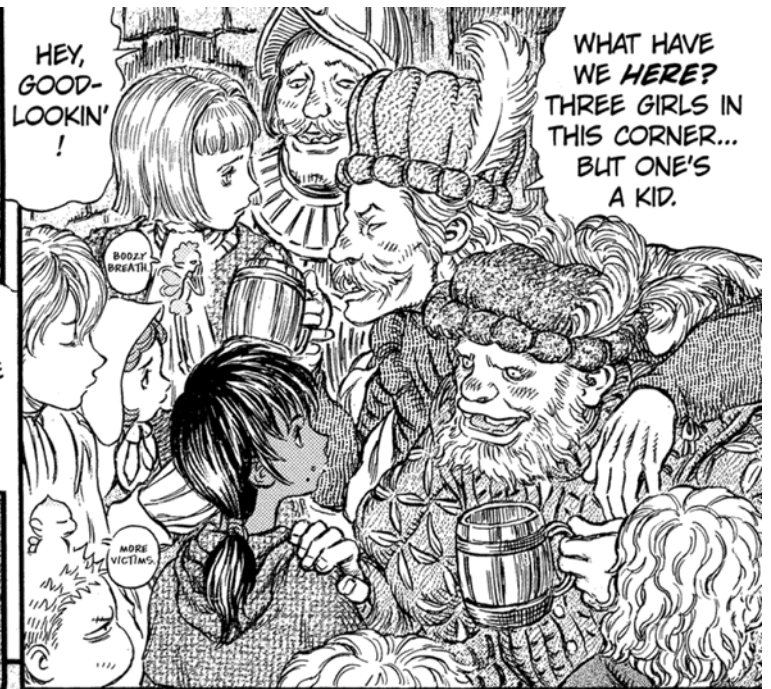
*GYA HAH HAH HAH HAH



NO ONE'S
GONNA GUESS THAT
WHAT'S INSIDE'S A
SCAAARY WITCH WHO
LEVELS VILLAGES.

WELL...
IT'S A NICE
DISGUISE.

SSSP
スズ...





...FOR
STAININ'
OUR GIRL'S
NICEST
CLOTHES.



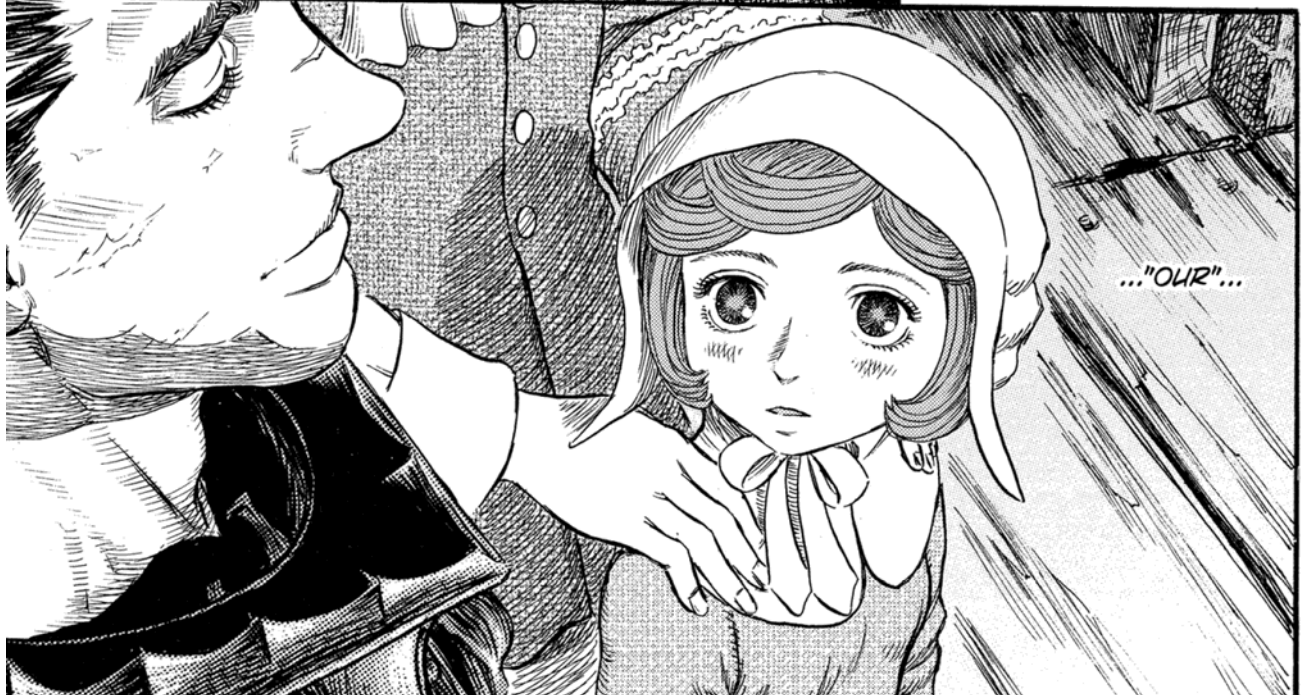
I
GET THE
FEELIN'
HE WAS
SAYIN'
SOMETHIN'
DOWNRIGHT
PROPER...

*FX: KRASSH



THAT
WAS
PAYBACK
...

*FX: SHAKE SHAKE



..."OUR"...





*KRISSSH

*CRASSSH

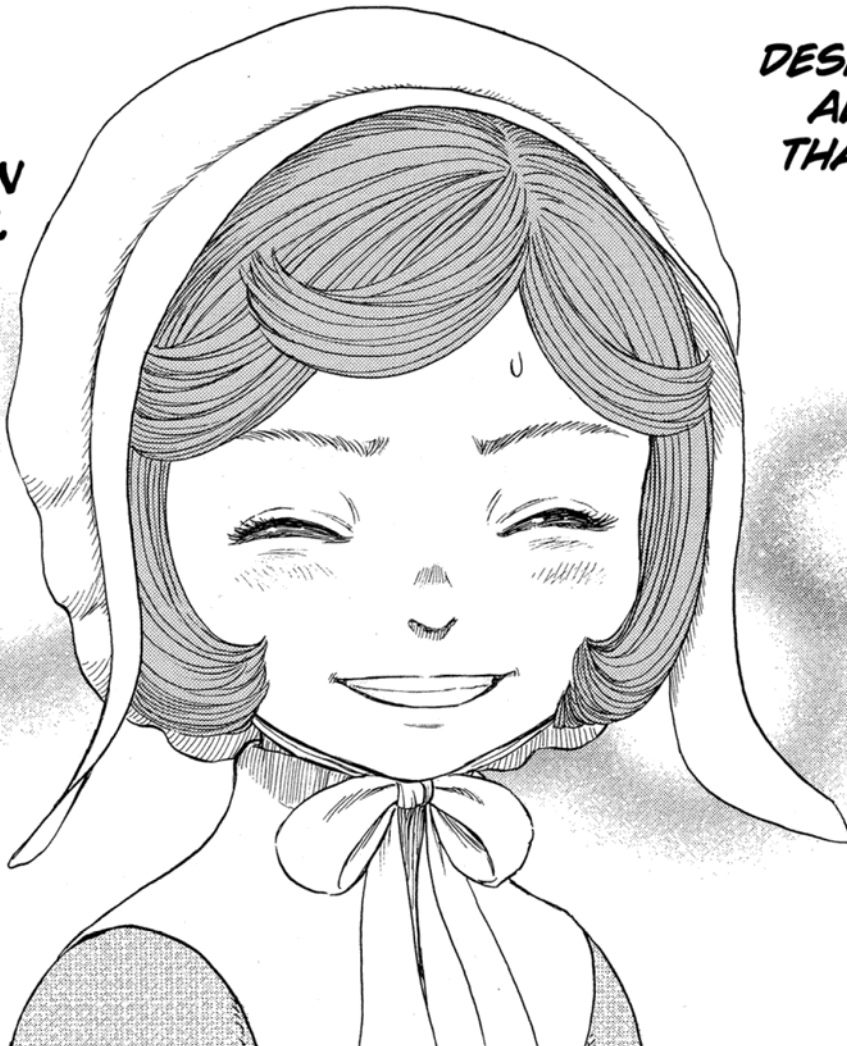


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...I CAN SMILE.

DESPITE ALL THAT...

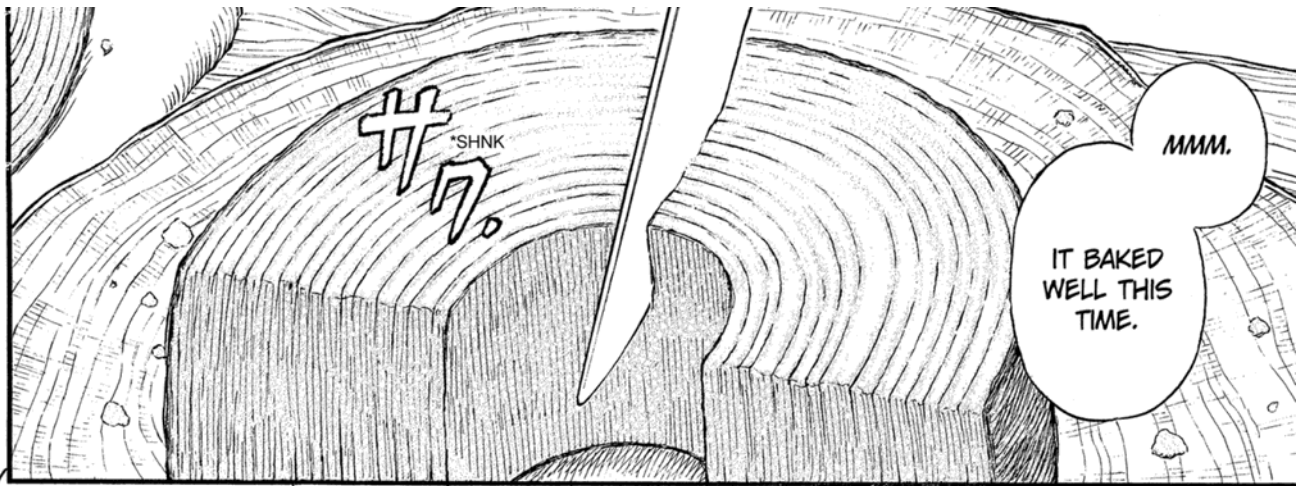


HOMING

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BERSERK





MMM.

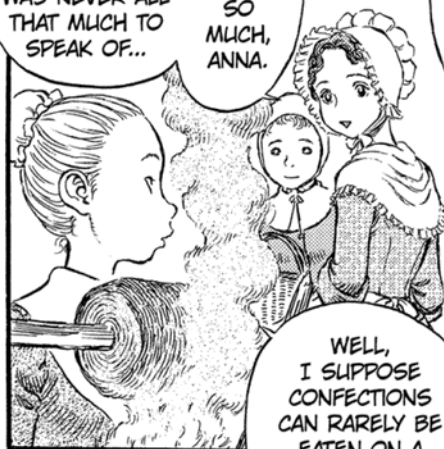
IT BAKED
WELL THIS
TIME.

THE COUNTRY
COOKING OF MY
MOTHER'S FAMILY
WAS NEVER ALL
THAT MUCH TO
SPEAK OF...

THANKS.
YOU HELPED
SO MUCH,
ANNA.

GOOD
EFFORT,
YOUR
HIGHNESS.

I'M SURE
EVEN LORD
GRIFFITH
WOULD LIKE
SOME OF
THIS.

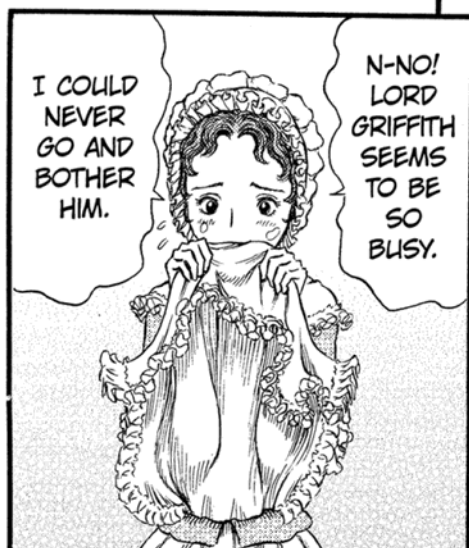


WELL,
I SUPPOSE
CONFECTIONS
CAN RARELY BE
EATEN ON A
BATTLEFIELD.



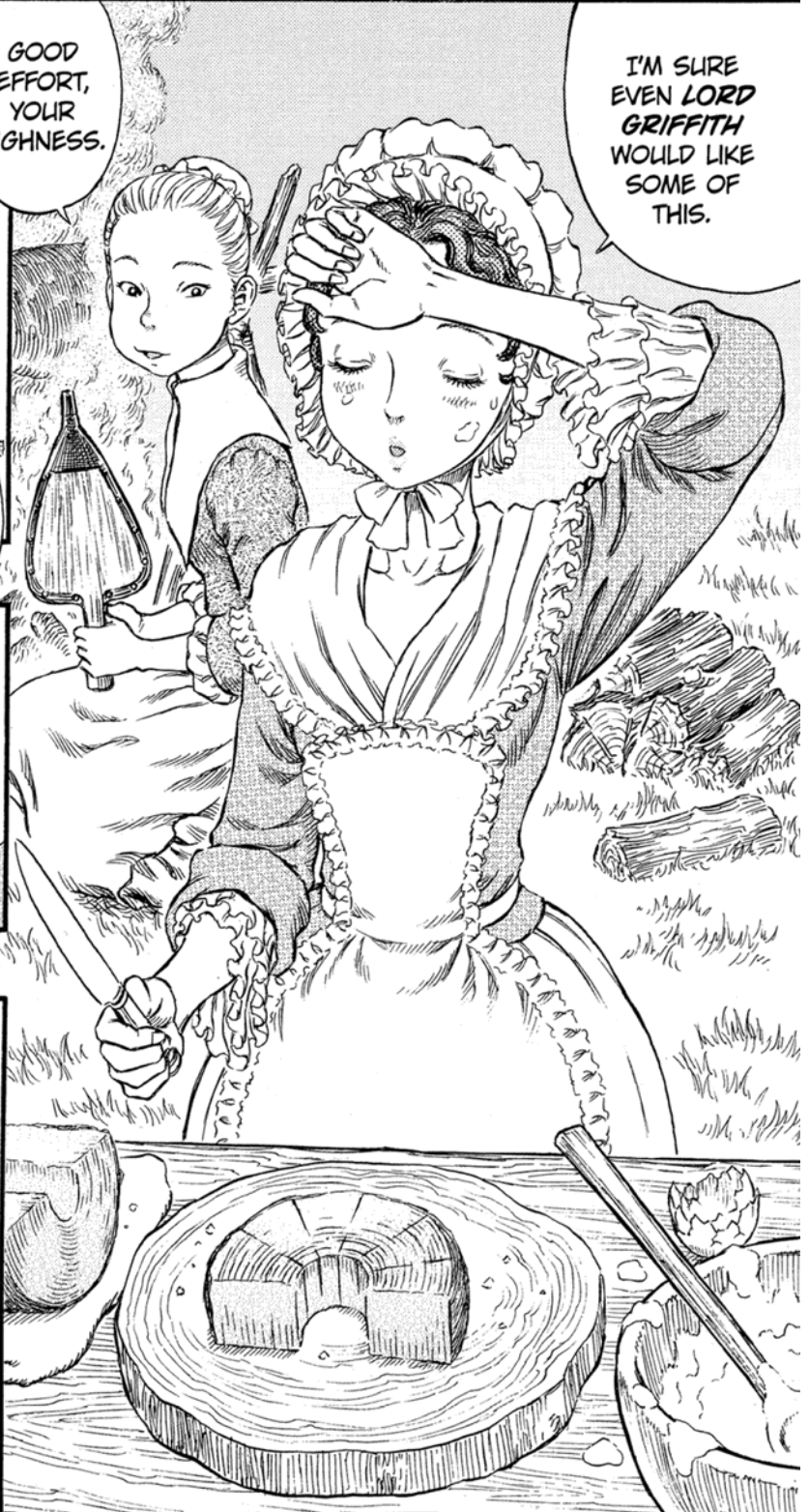
JUST
WALK
OVER
AND SEE
HIM.

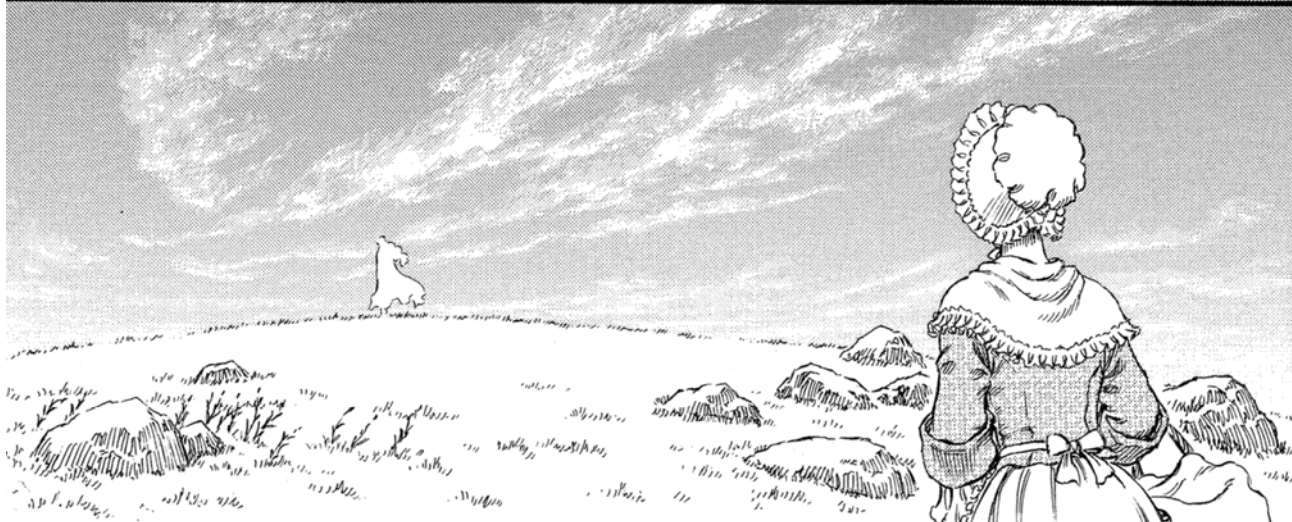
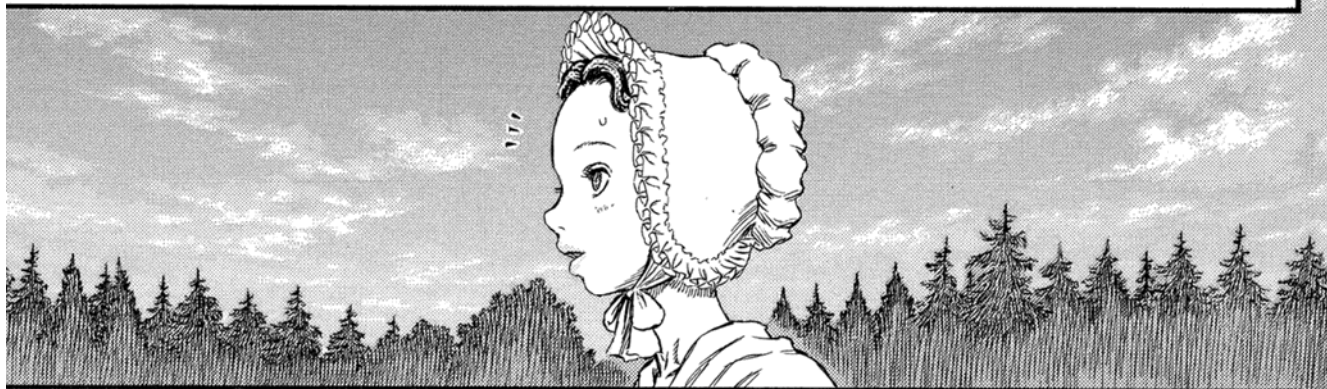
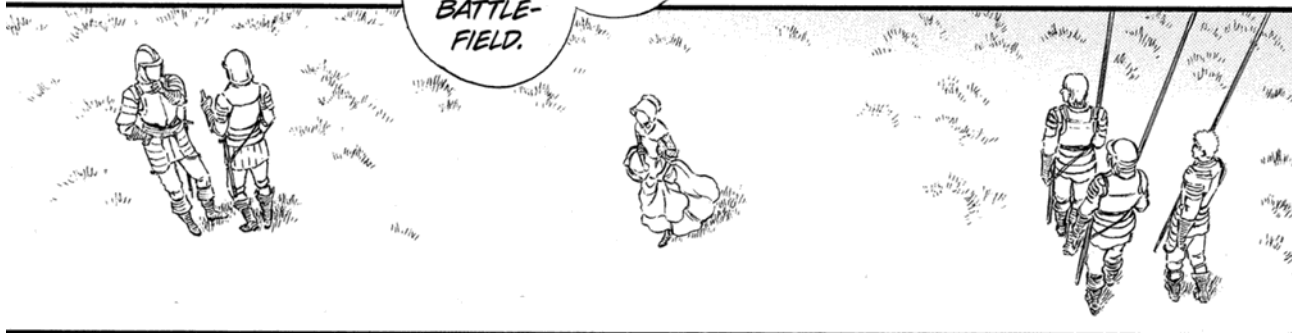
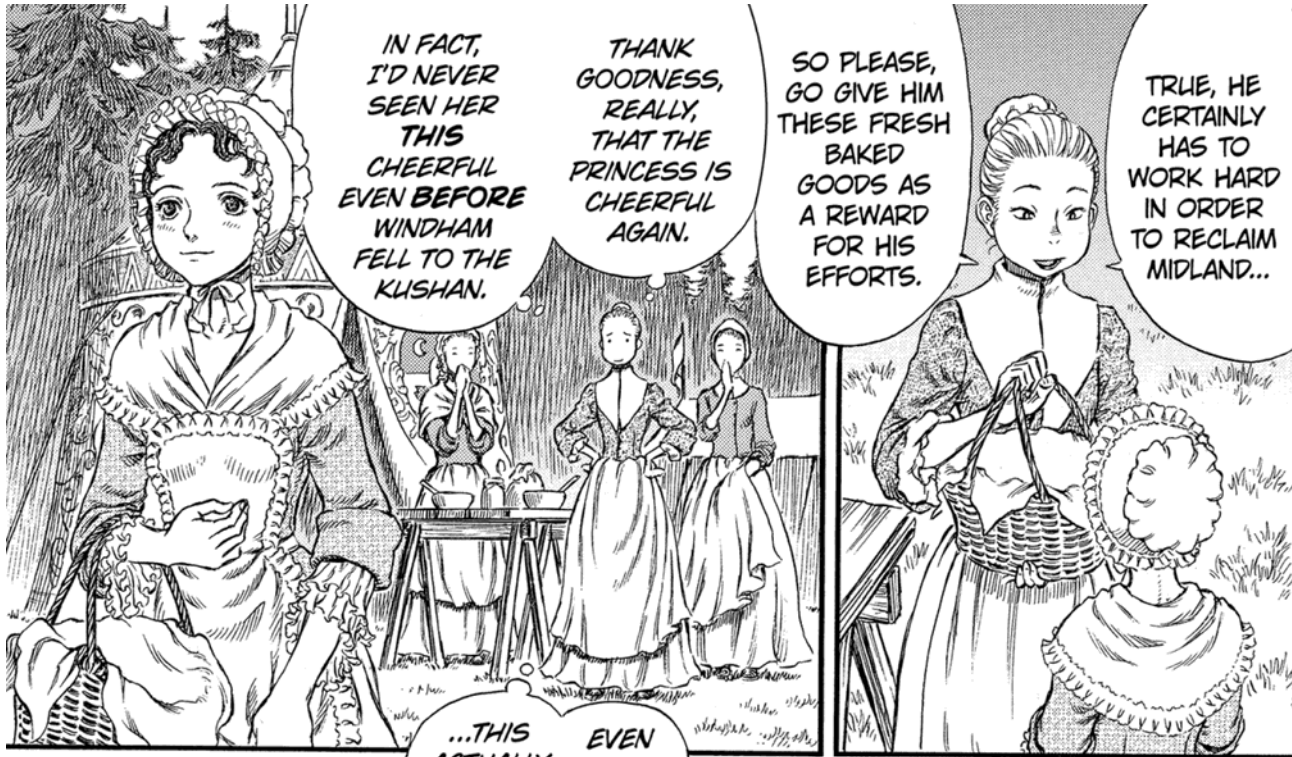
BUT, YOU
NEEDN'T
GO OUT
OF YOUR
WAY TO
BAKE UP
SUCH A
PRETEXT.



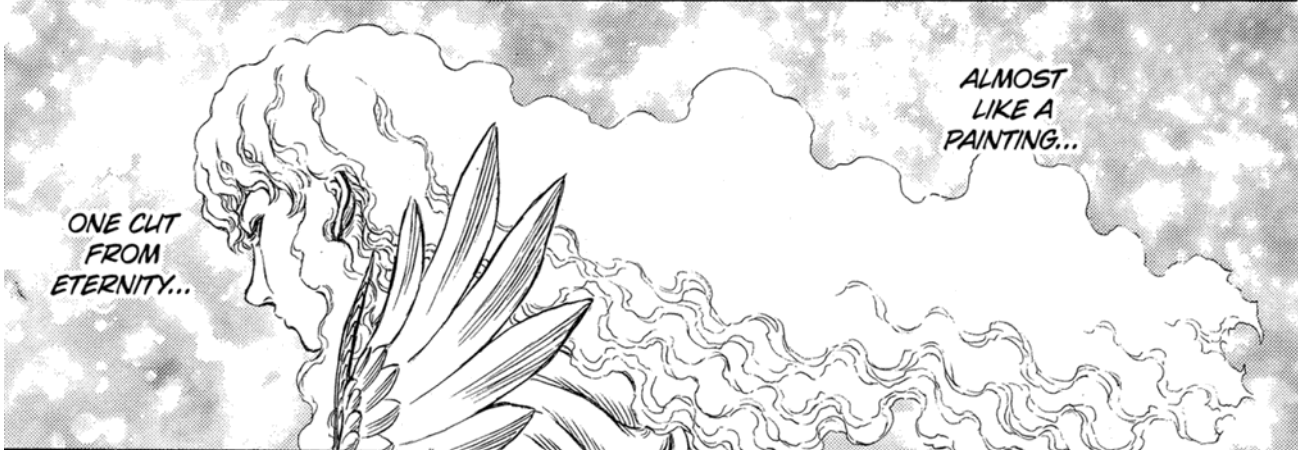
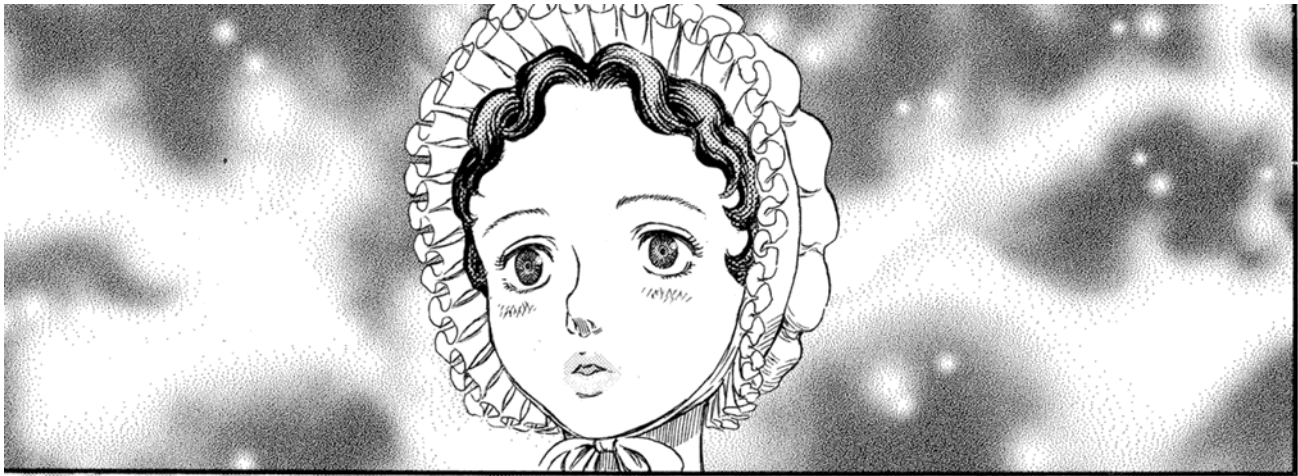
I COULD
NEVER
GO AND
BOTHER
HIM.

N-NO!
LORD
GRIFFITH
SEEMS
TO BE
SO
BUSY.



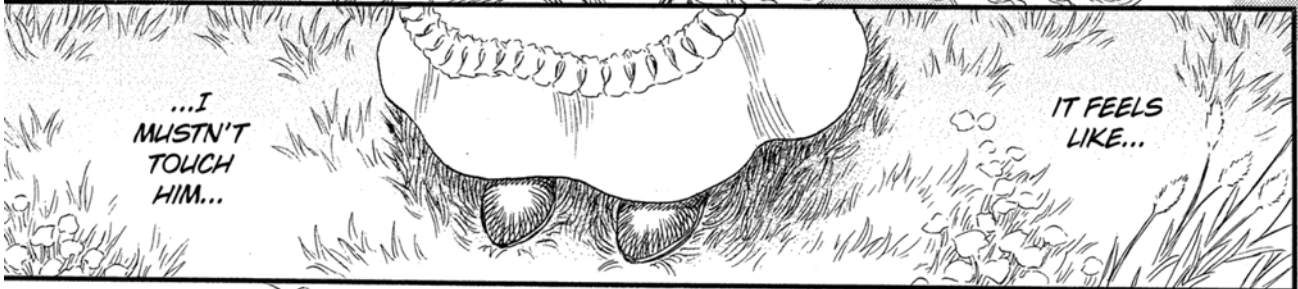






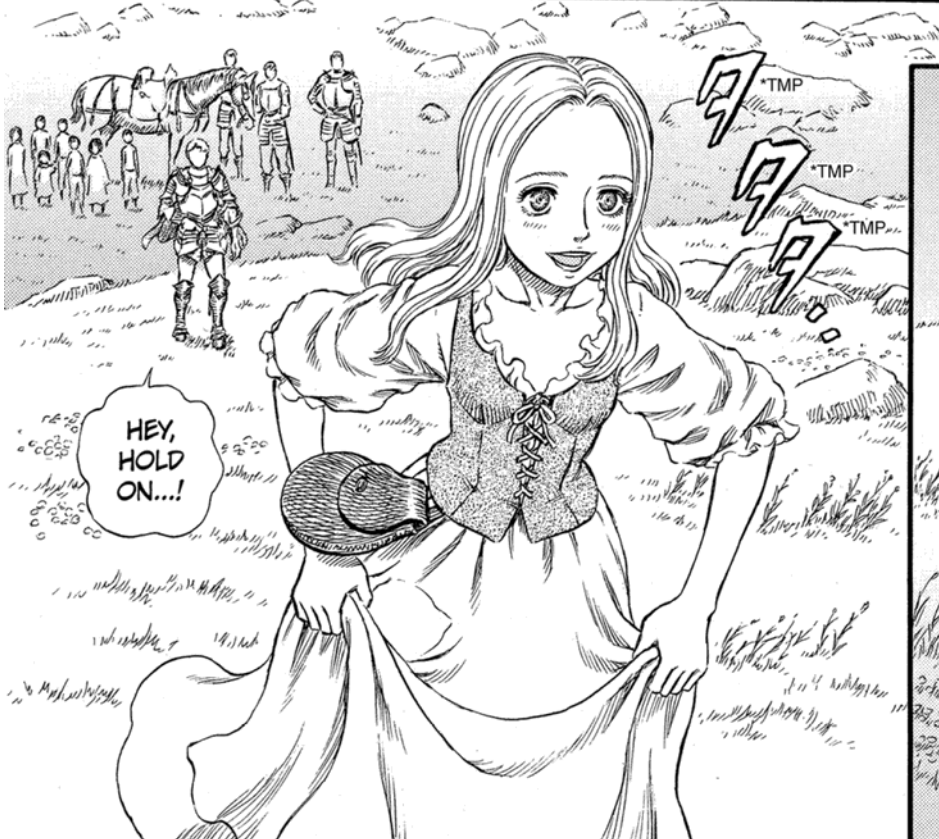
ONE CUT
FROM
ETERNITY...

ALMOST
LIKE A
PAINTING...



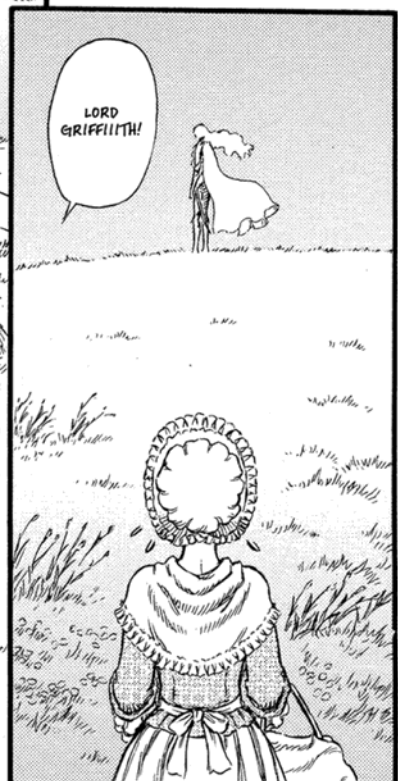
...I
MUSTN'T
TOUCH
HIM...

IT FEELS
LIKE...

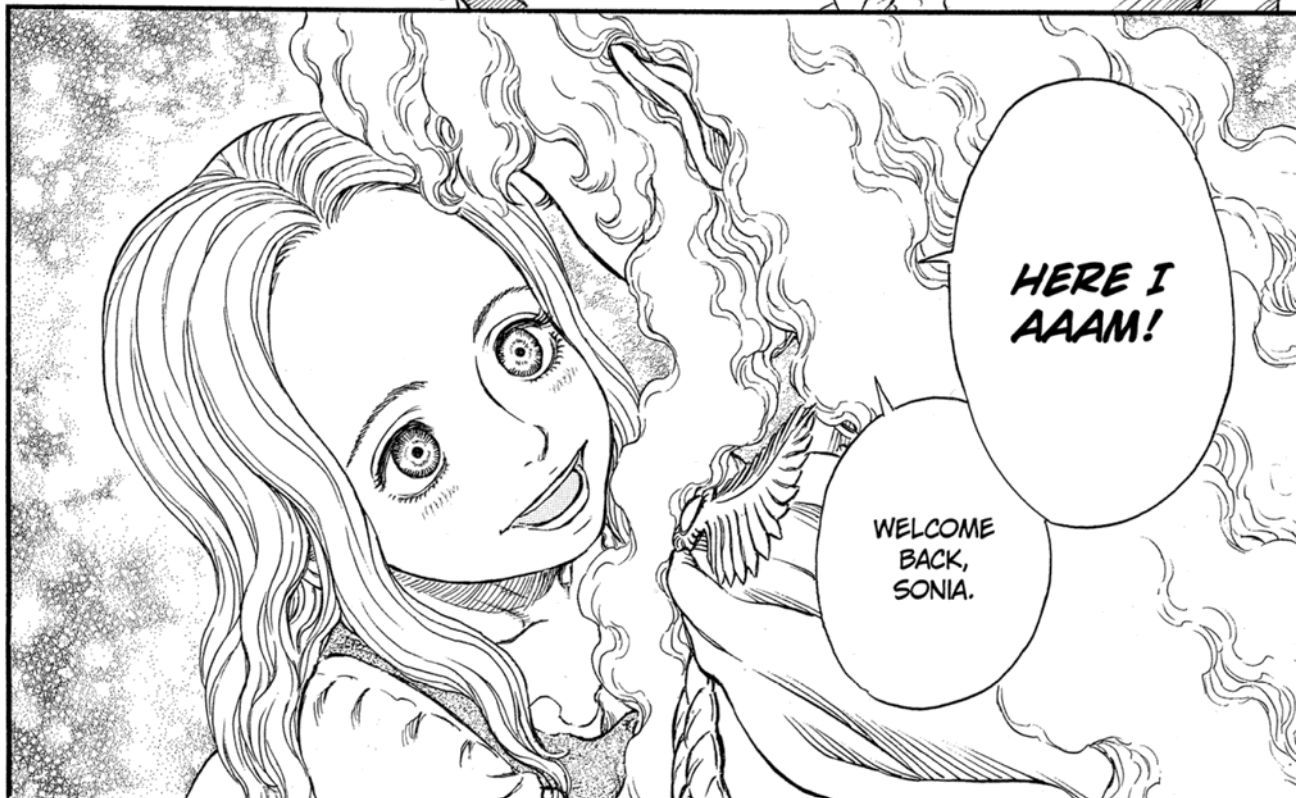
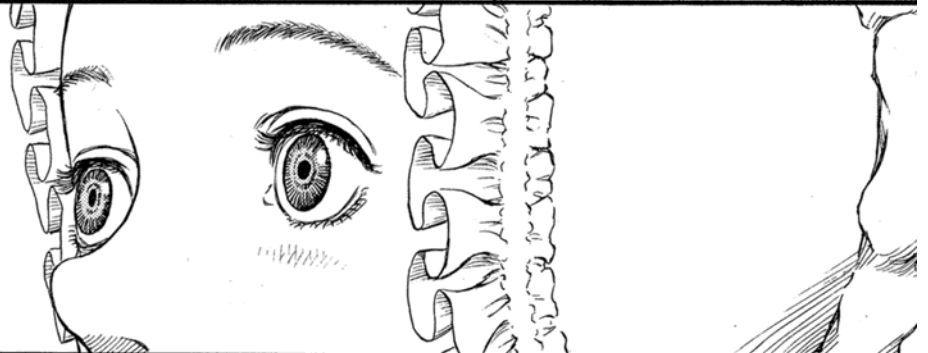
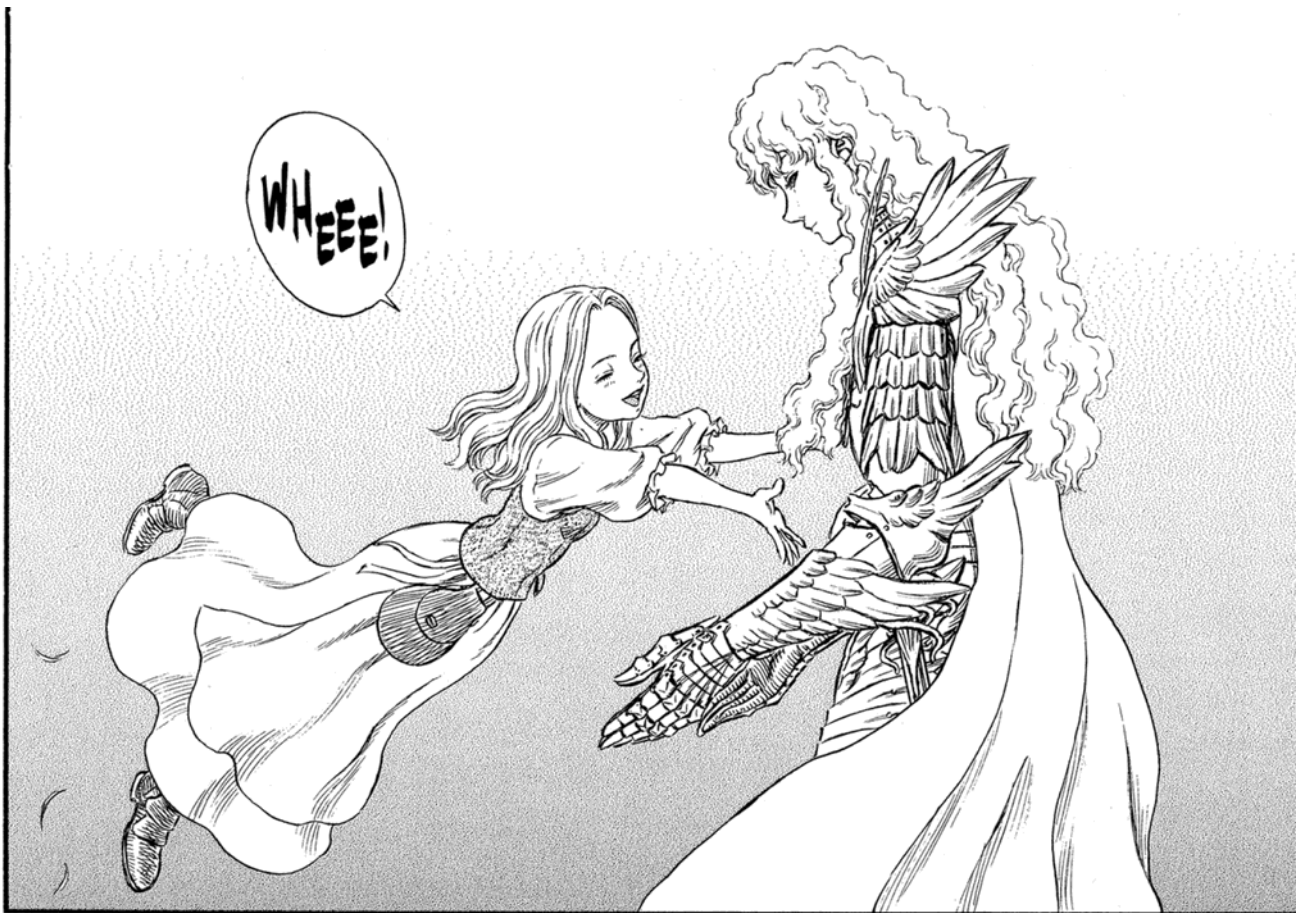


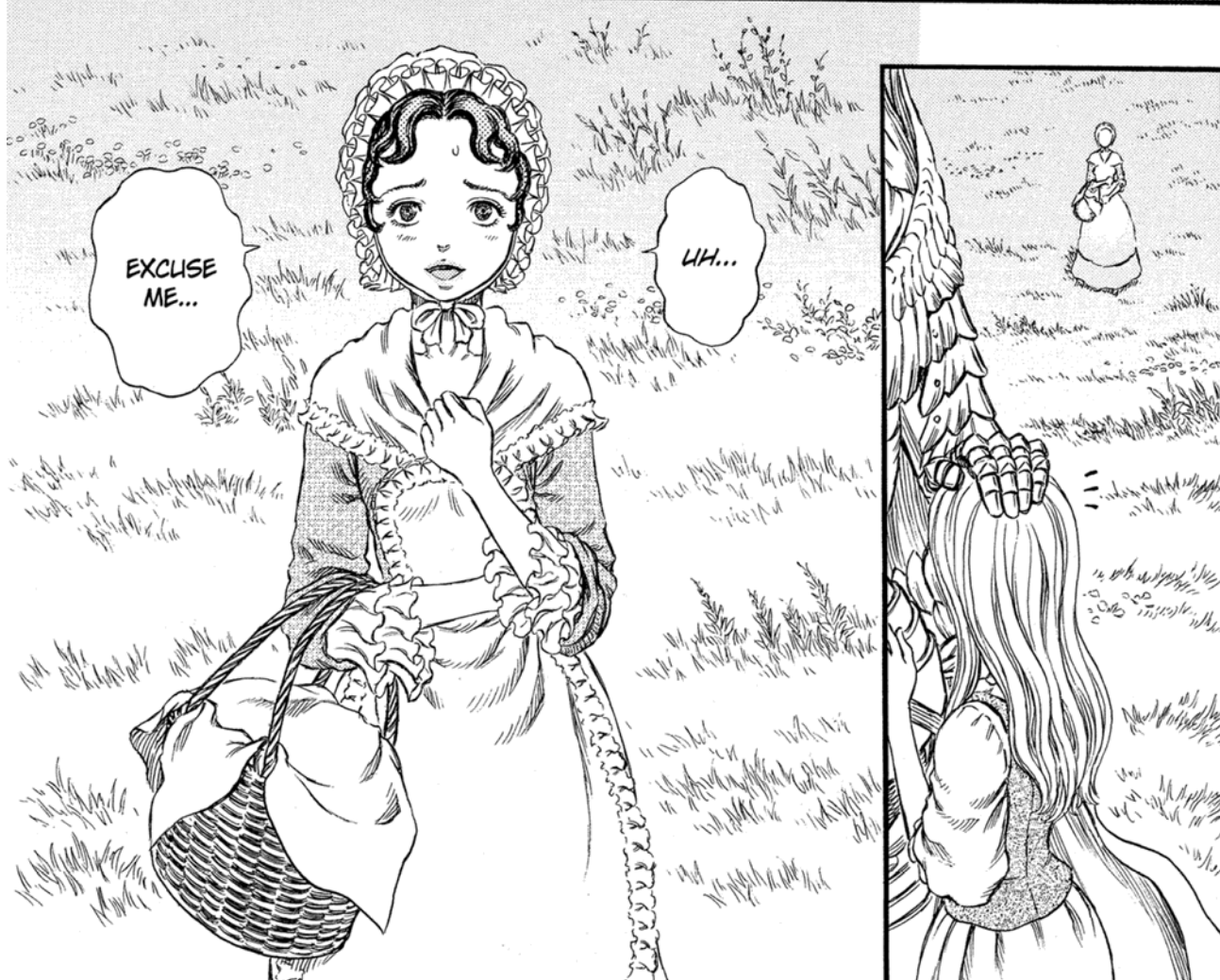
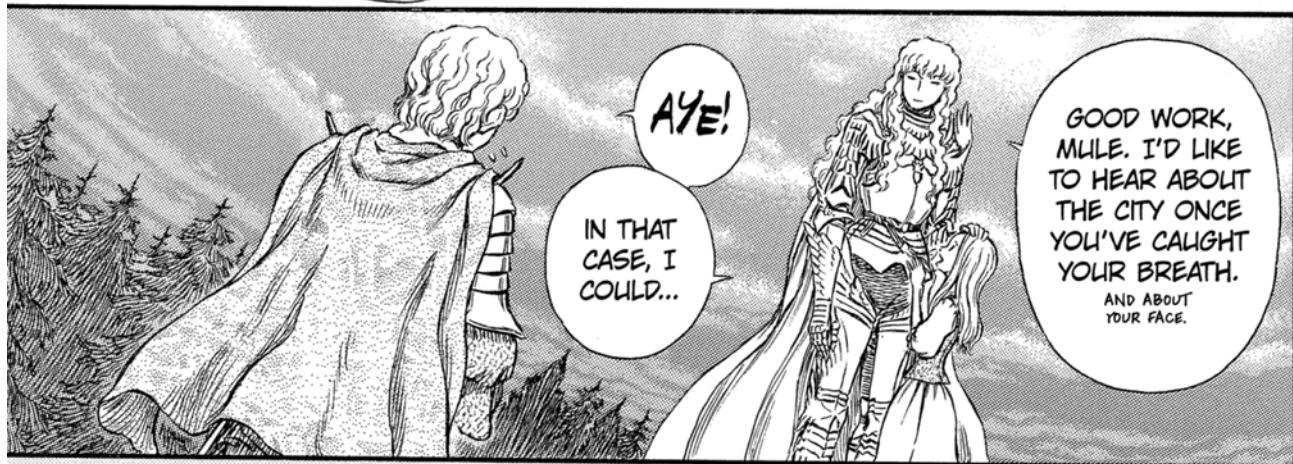
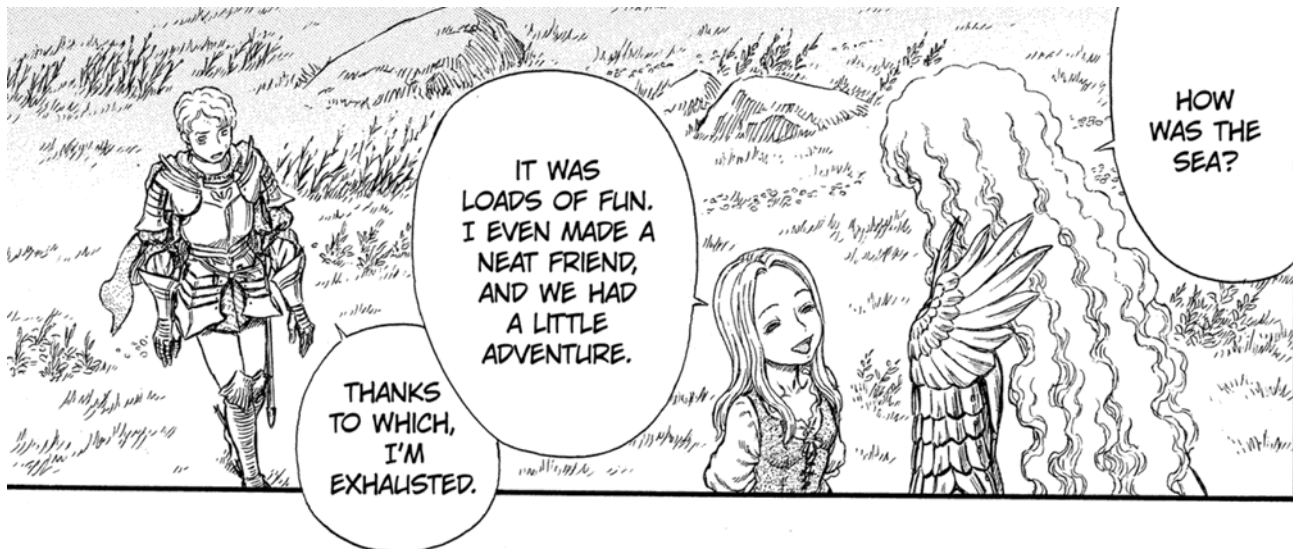
HEY,
HOLD
ON...!

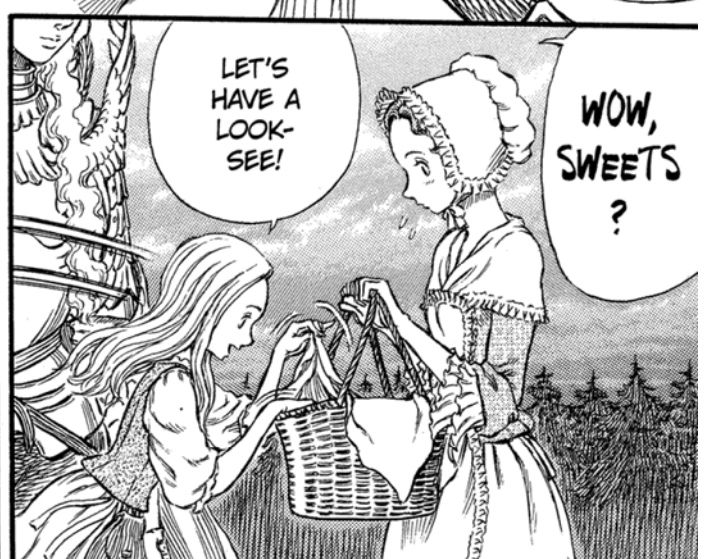
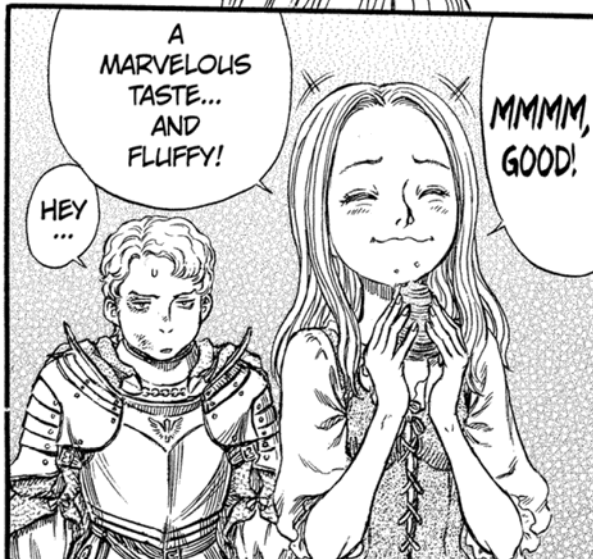
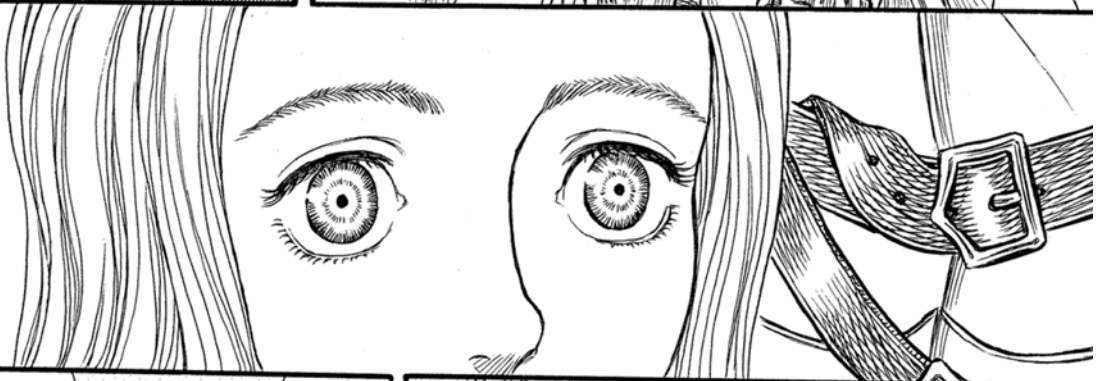
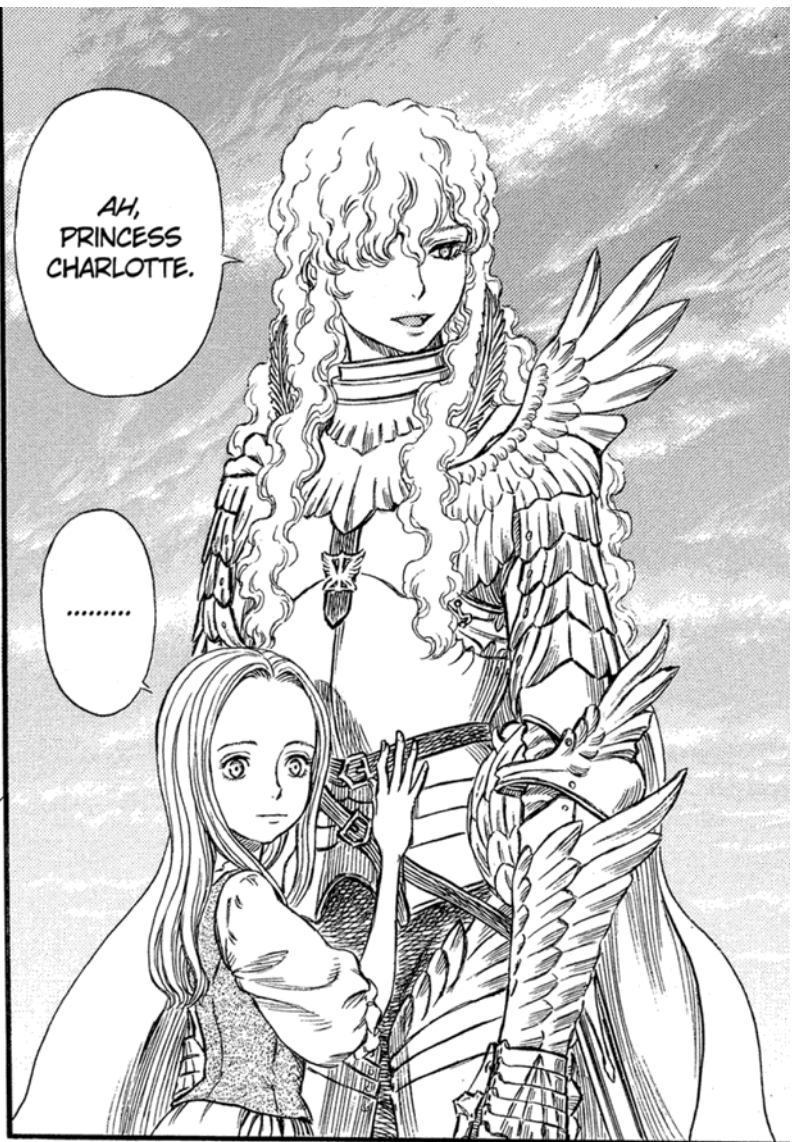
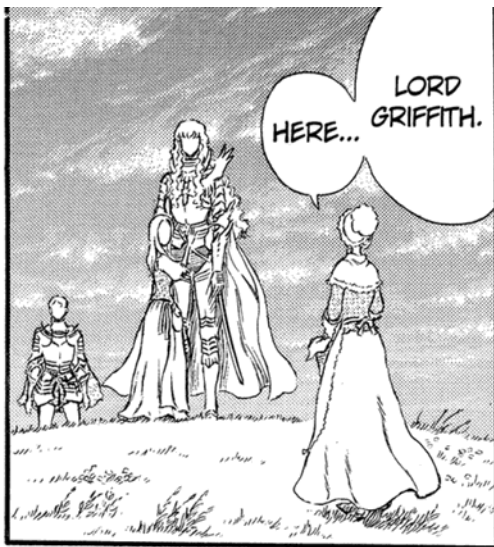
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*TMP
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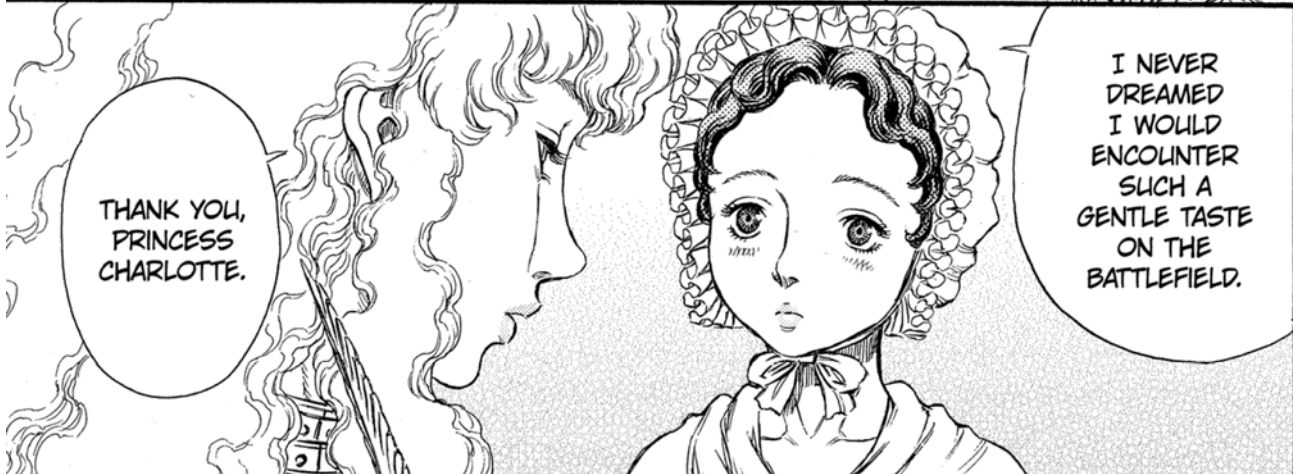
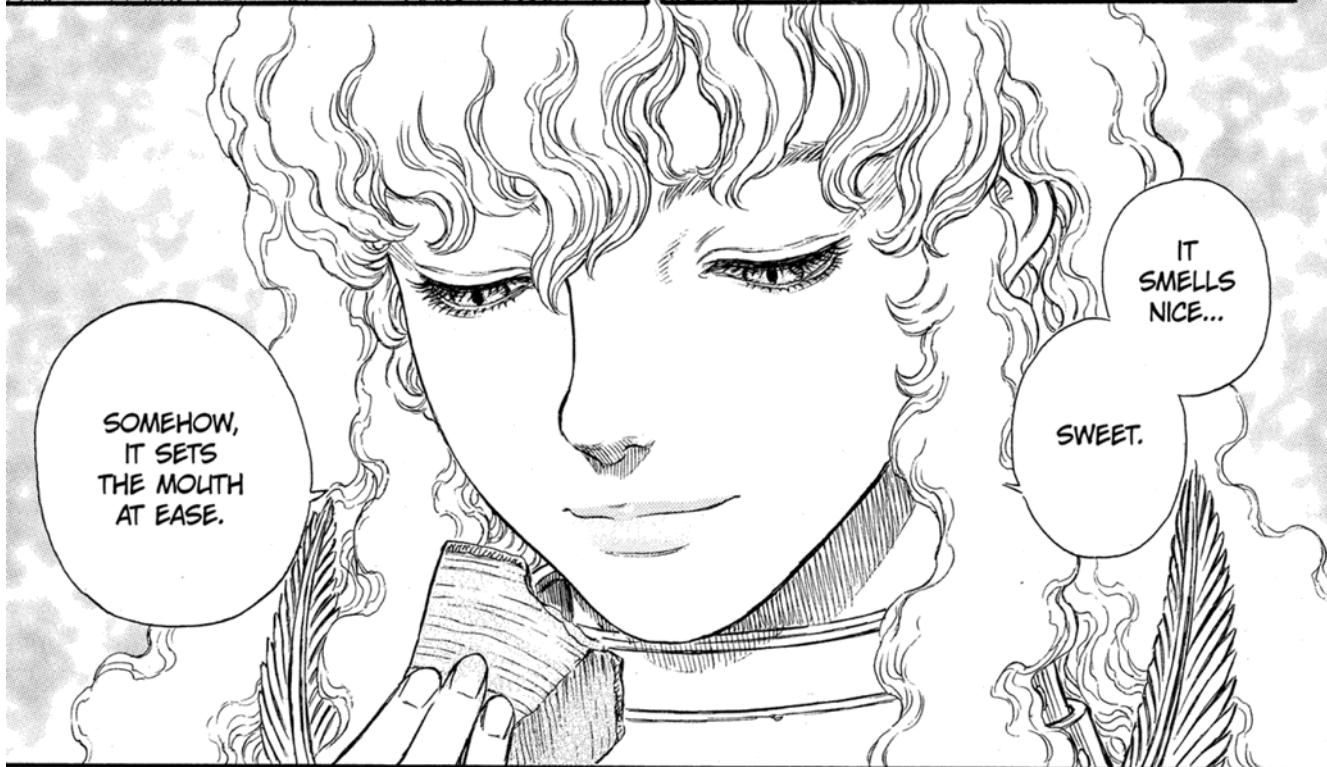
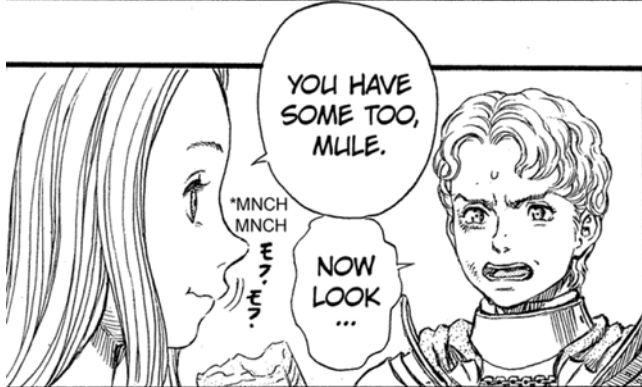
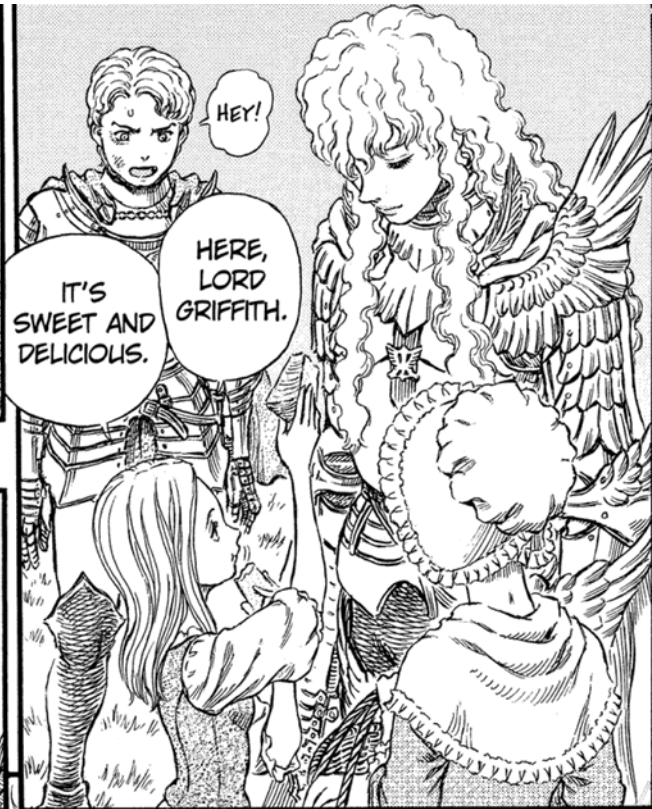


LORD
GRIFFITH!







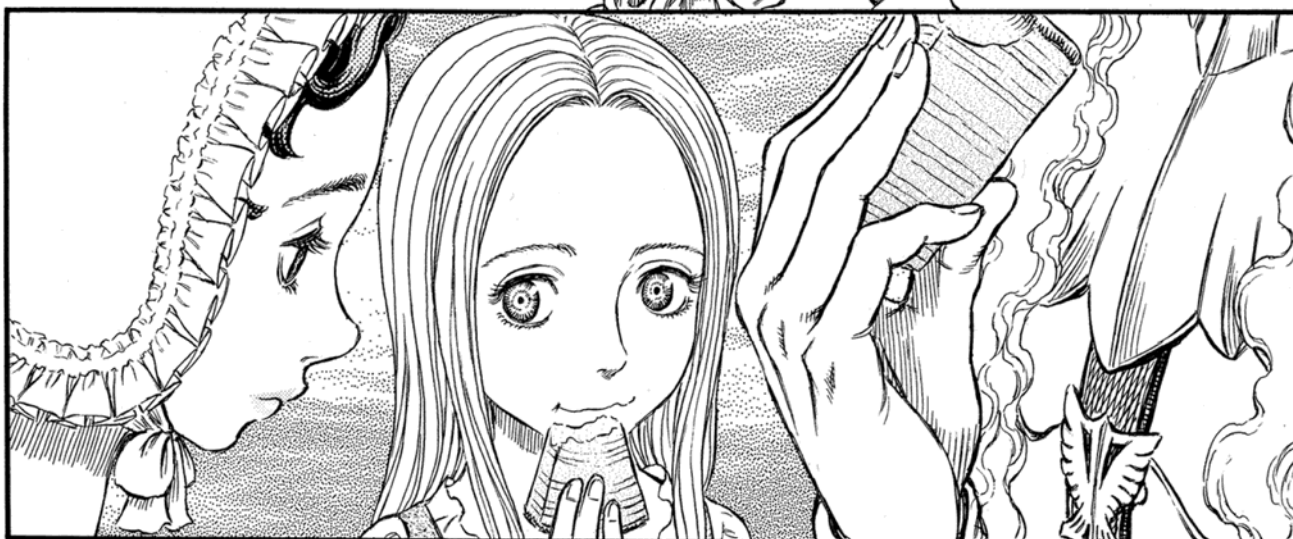


I AM
HAPPY,
THOUGH...

...IF IT
PLEASES
YOU.

OH...

NOT AT
ALL.



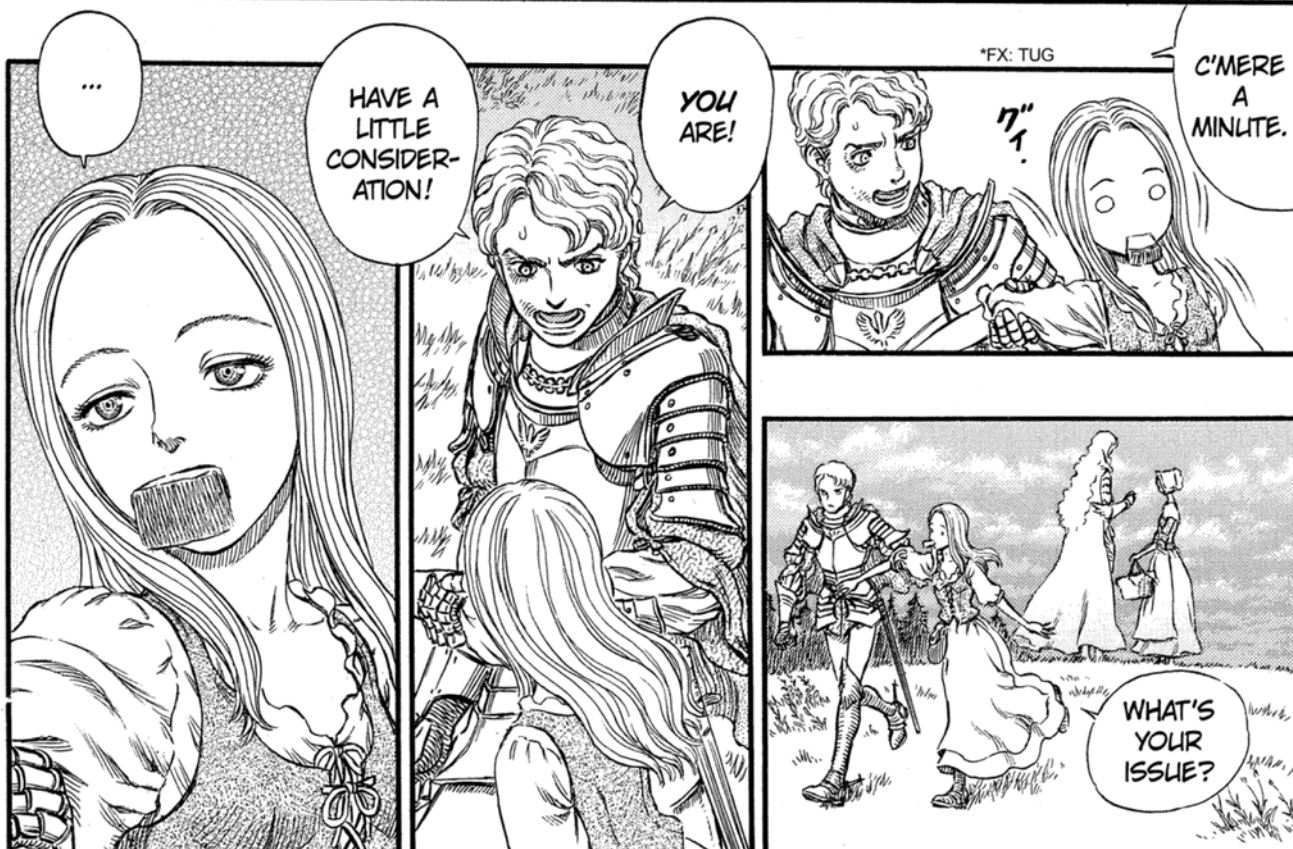
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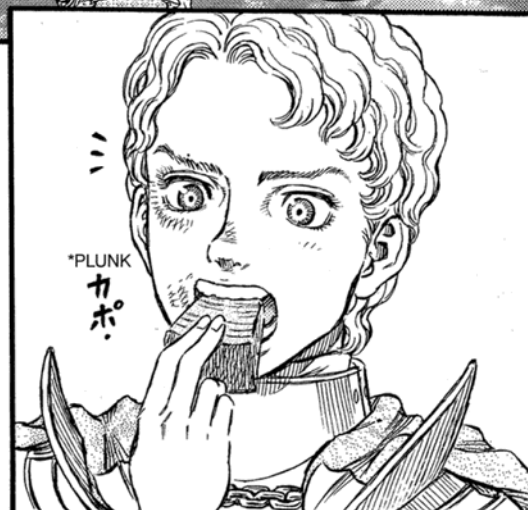
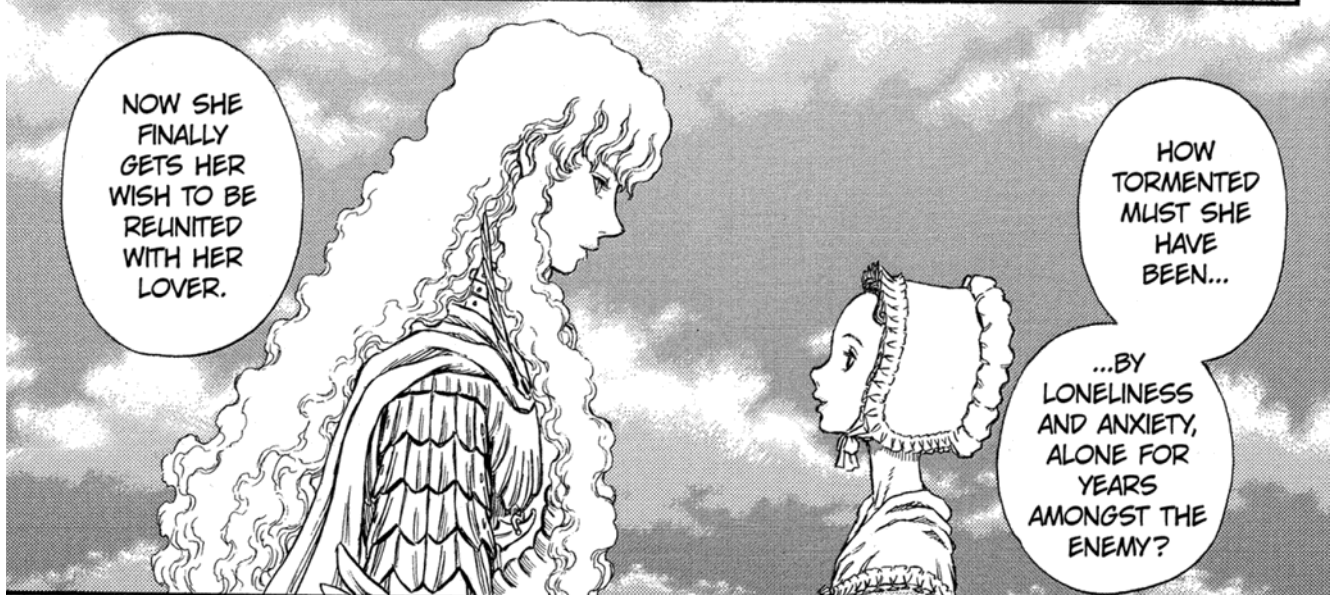
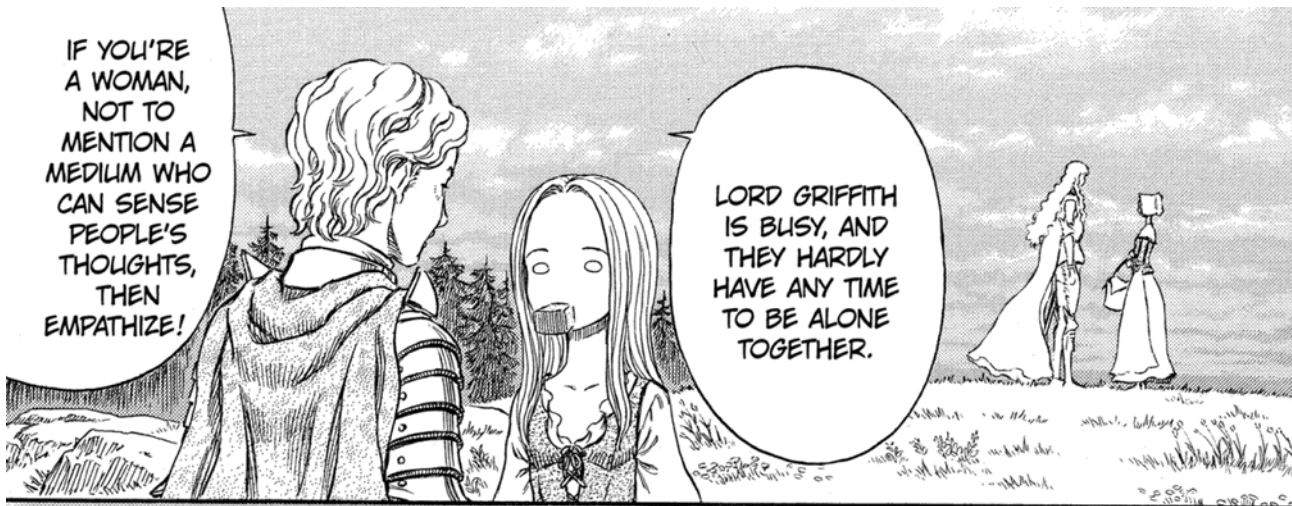
HAVE A
LITTLE
CONSIDER-
ATION!

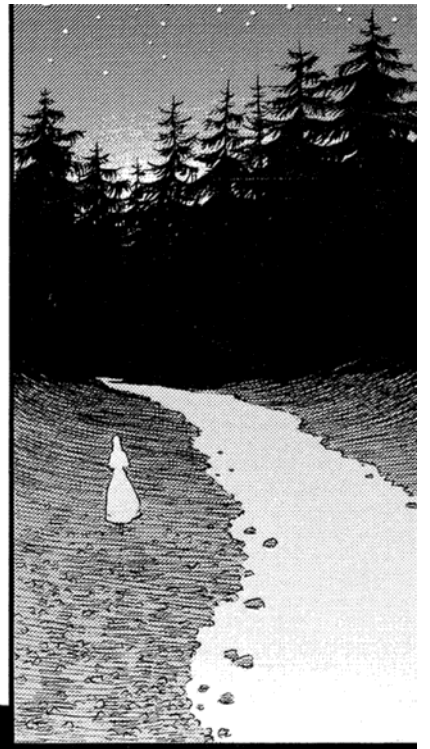
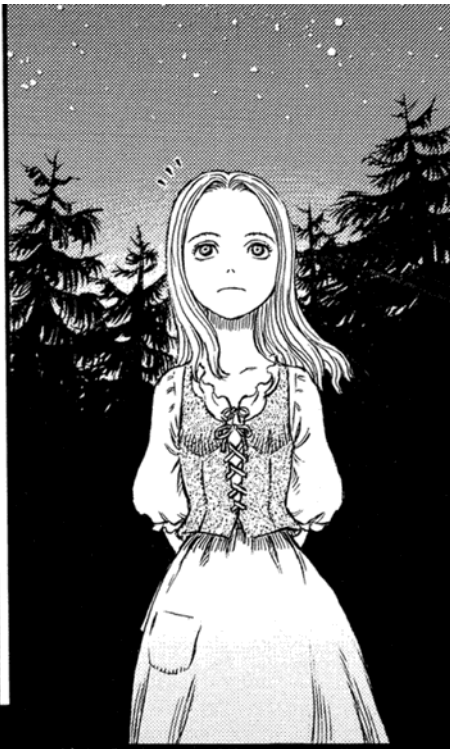
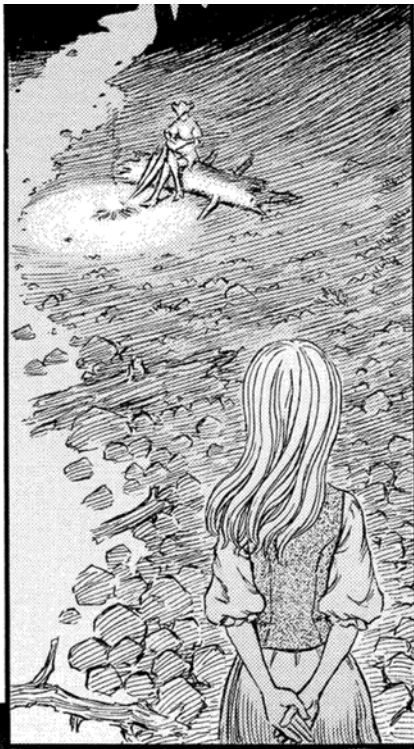
YOU
ARE!

*FX: TUG

C'MERE
A
MINUTE.

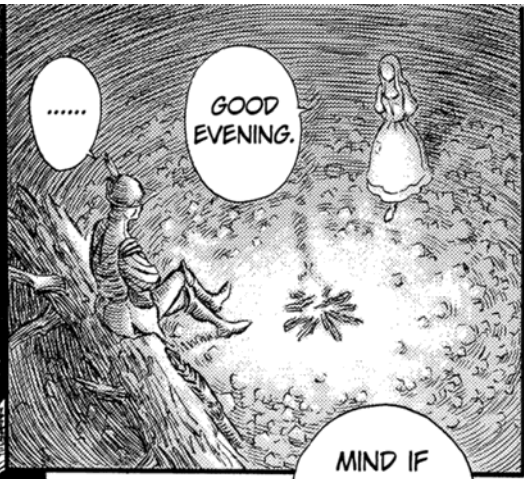




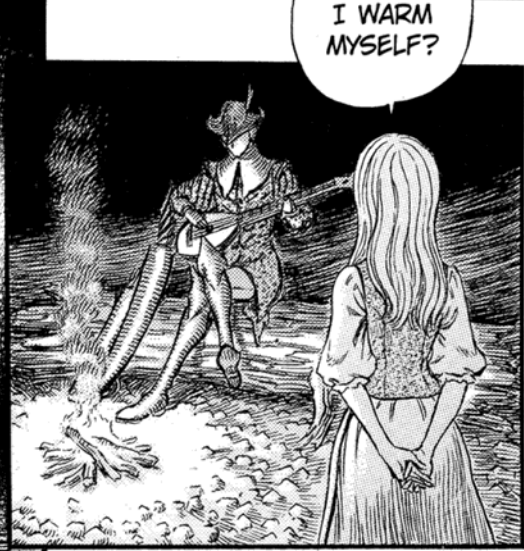




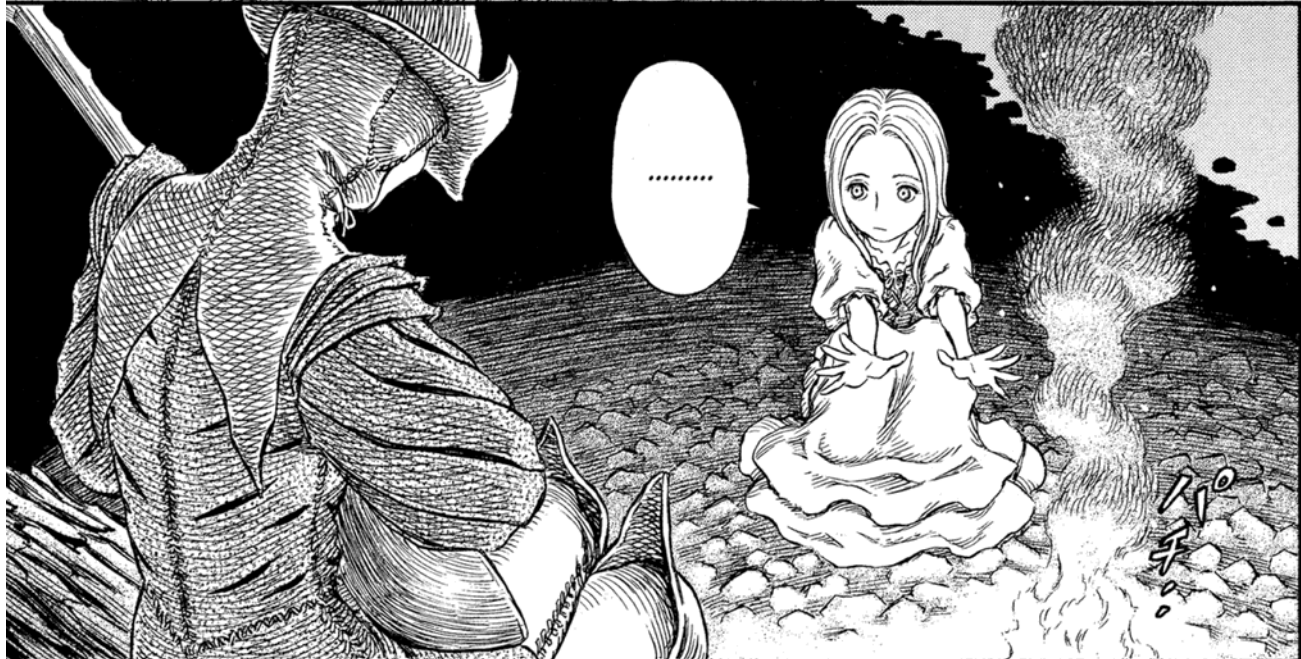
AS YOU WISH.



GOOD EVENING.



MIND IF I WARM MYSELF?

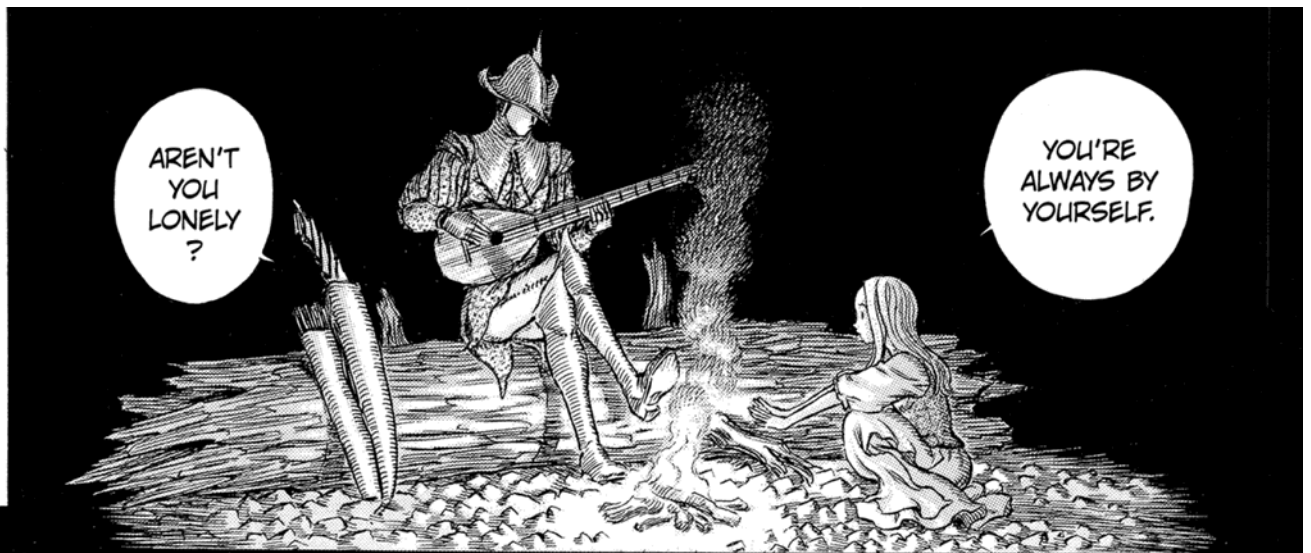


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A LITTLE LONELY, THOUGH.

NICE SONG.



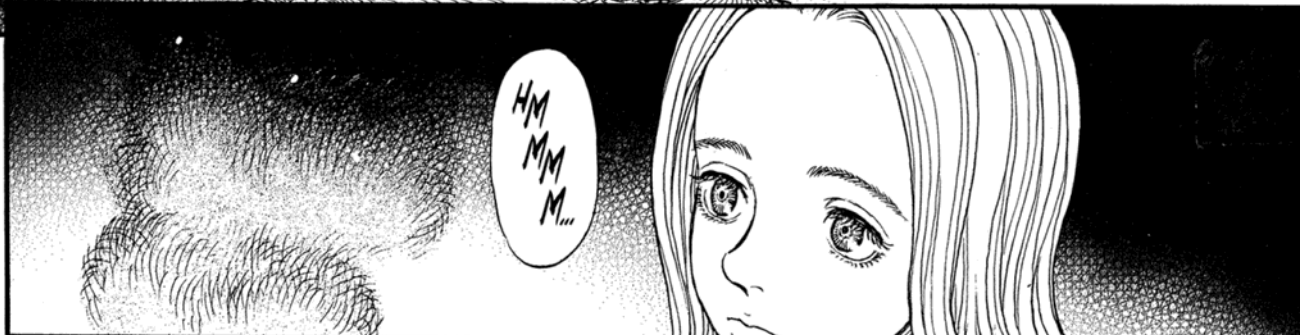
AREN'T YOU LONELY ?

YOU'RE ALWAYS BY YOURSELF.



I FEEL CALMER ALONE.

I'M A HUNTER.



HM
MM
M...



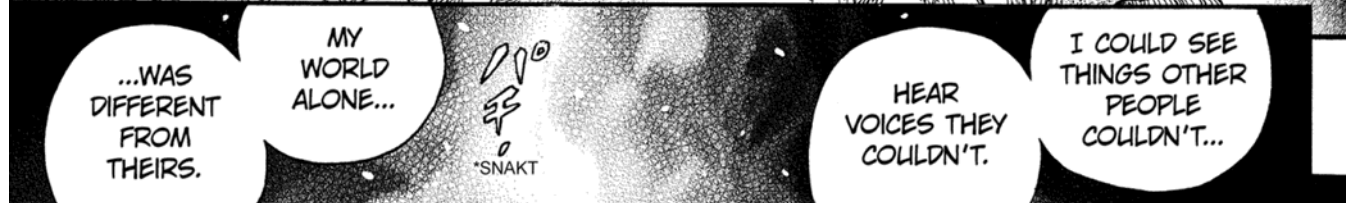
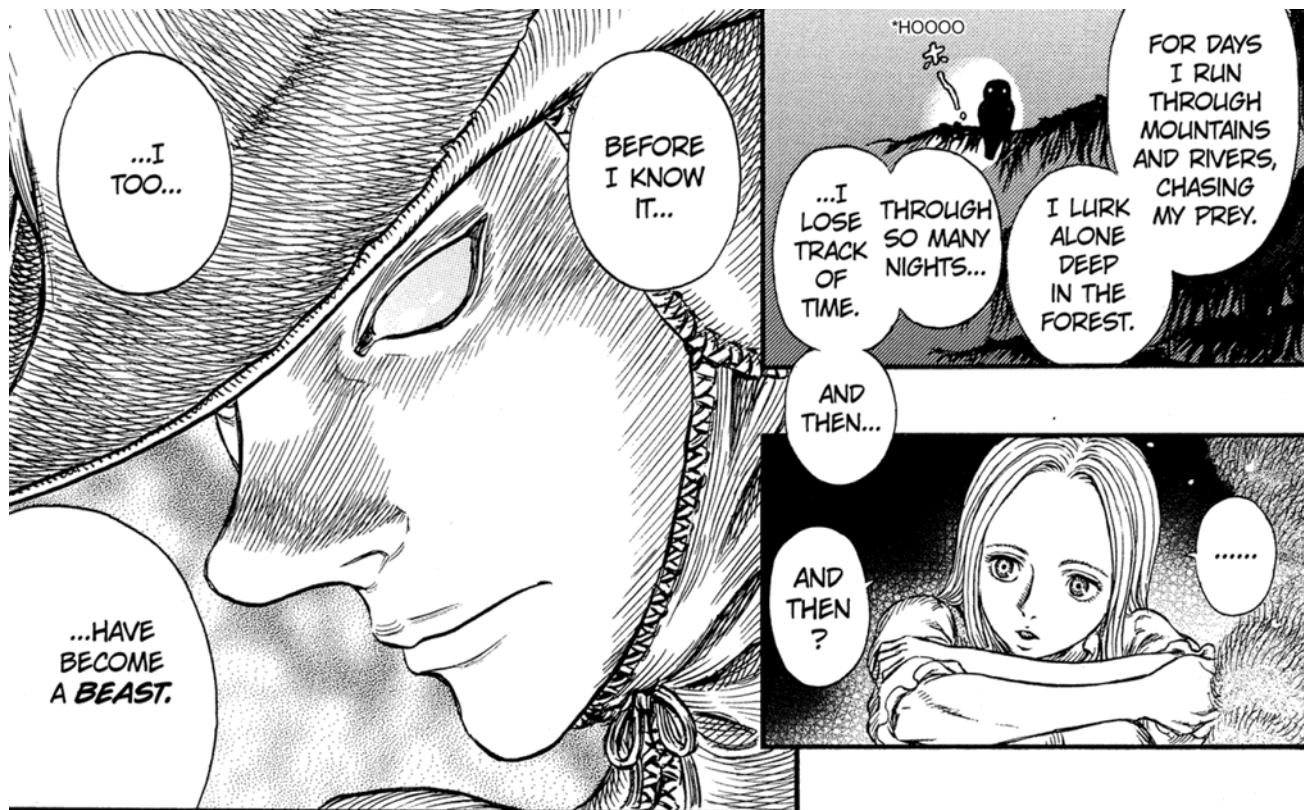
I HUNT ALONE.

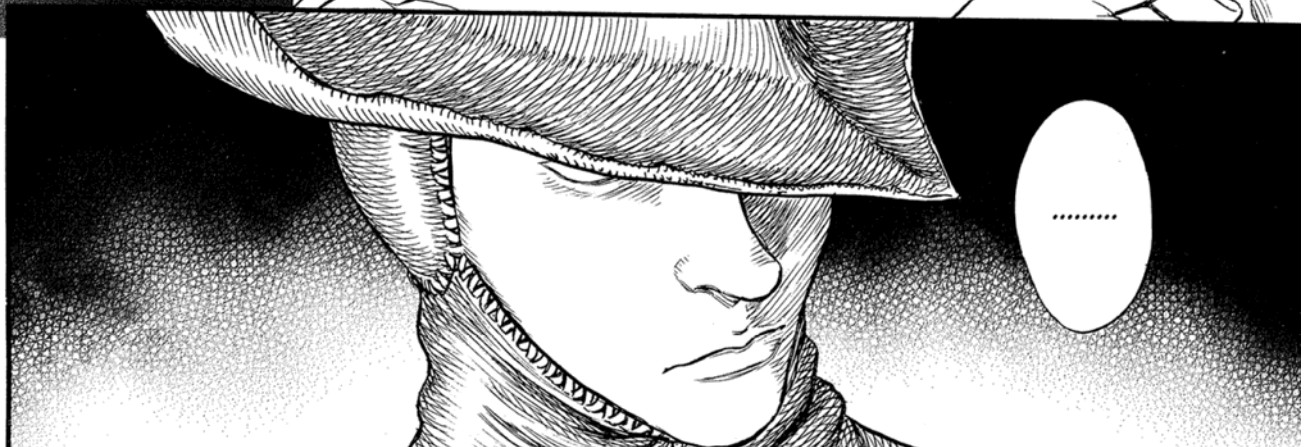
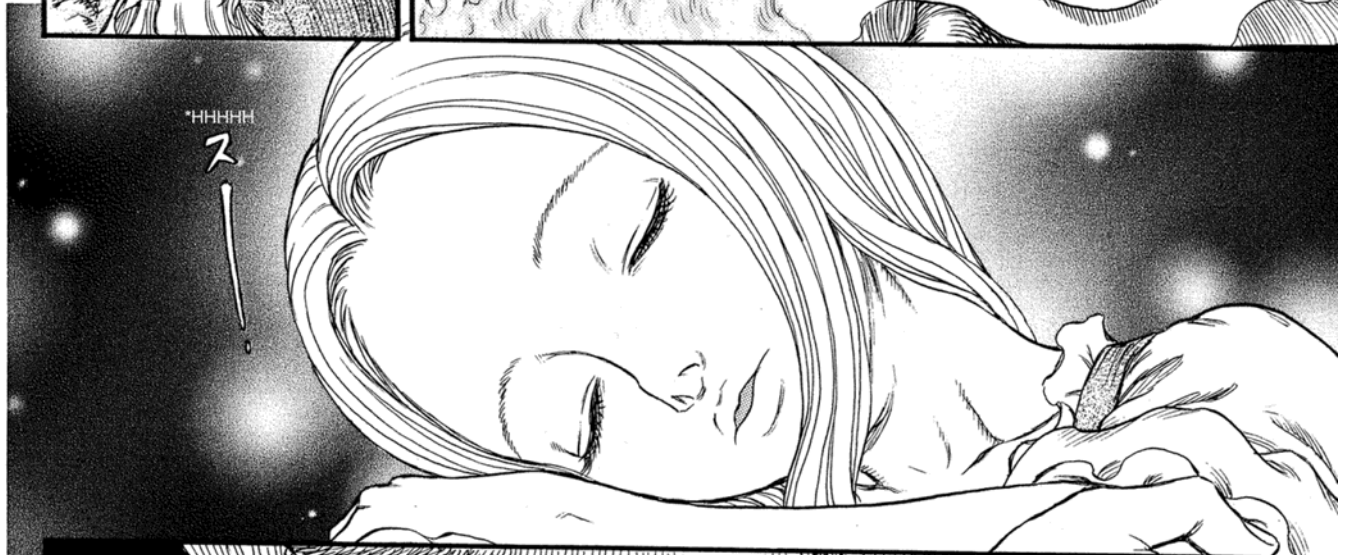
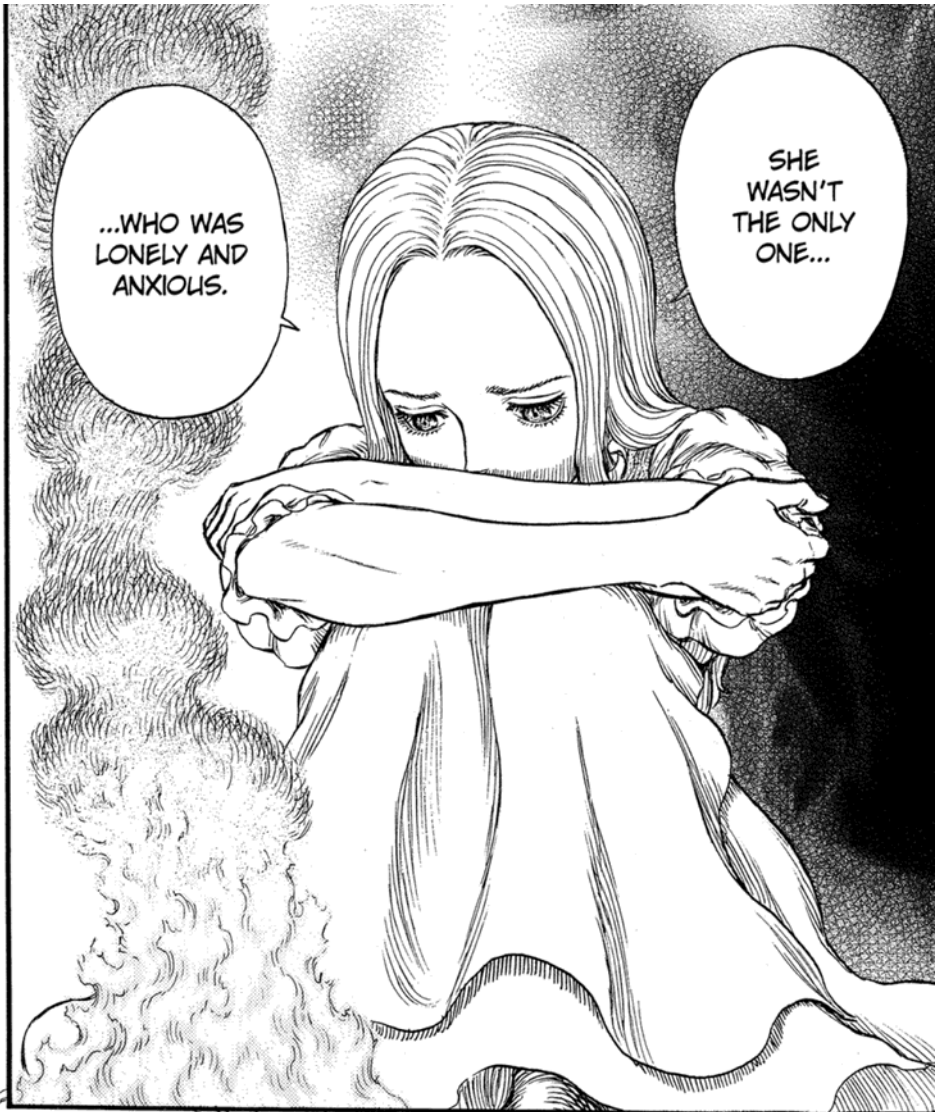
THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE OTHERWISE...

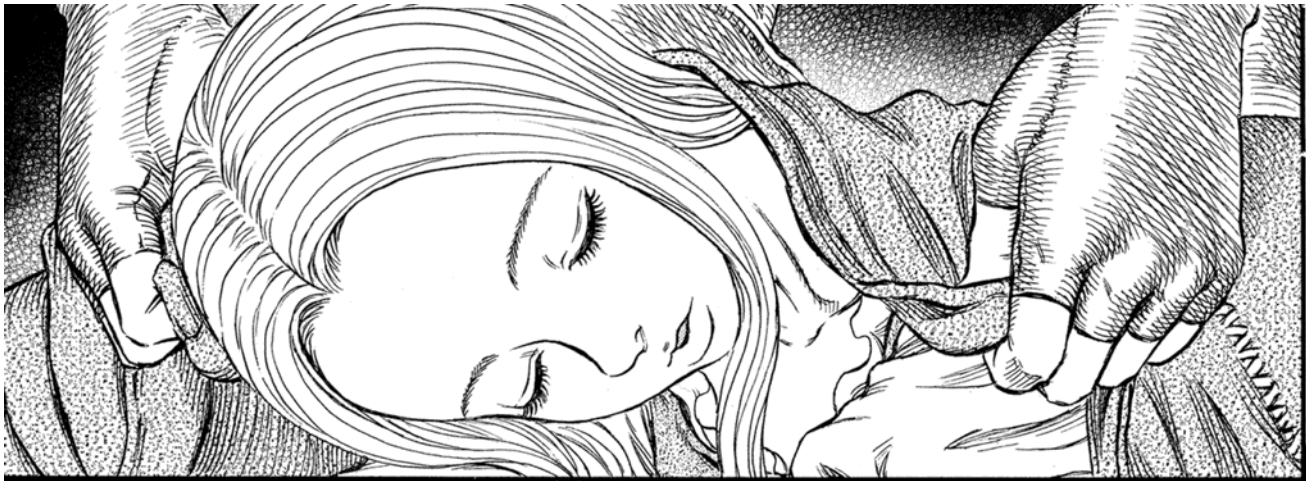
BUT NOT ME.

DO THEY WALK ALONE IN MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS?

ARE HUNTERS ALWAYS ALONE?







THAT
NIGHT,
I HAD A
DREAM.



...PLAYING
IN A
MOONLIT
FOREST.

A DREAM
OF A KITE
AND AN
OWL...

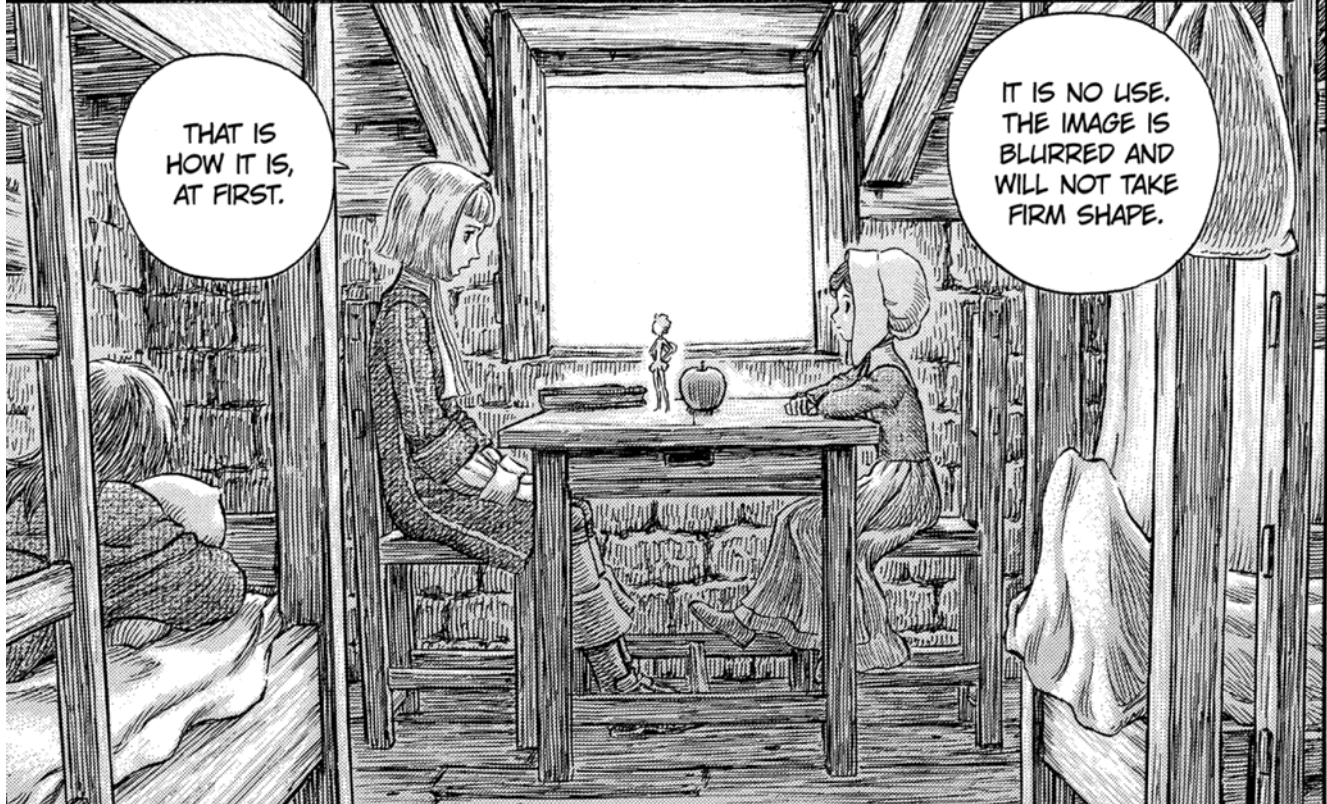
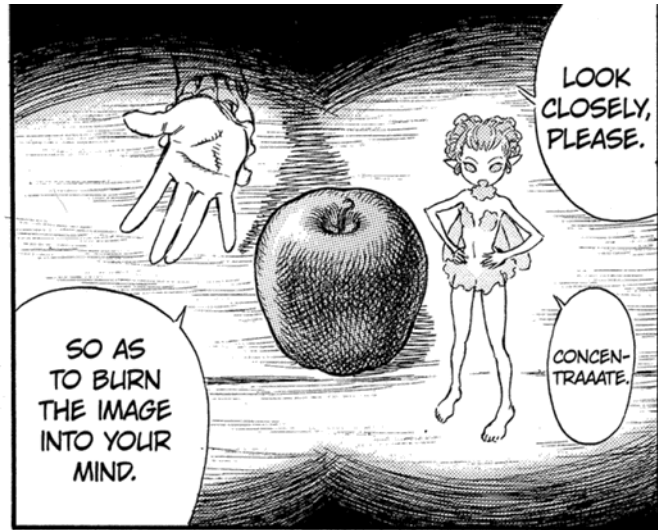
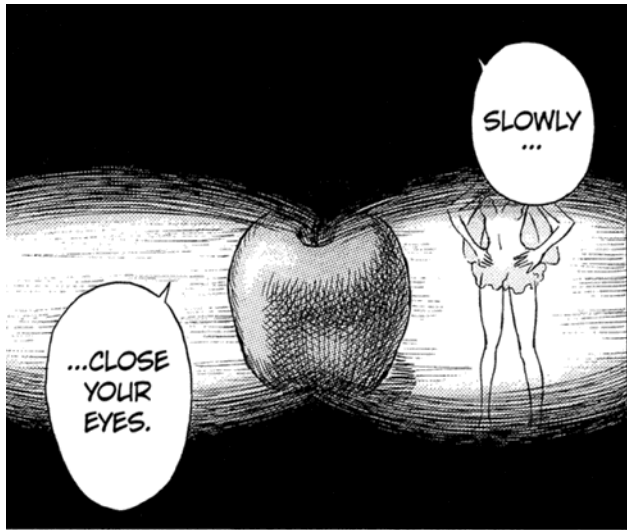




BERSERK

VANDIMION
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BERSERK



IT IS BASIC PRACTICE FOR "TANGIBLY IMAGINING A PHENOMENON WITHIN YOUR MIND."

THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS BECOMING A MAGIC USER.

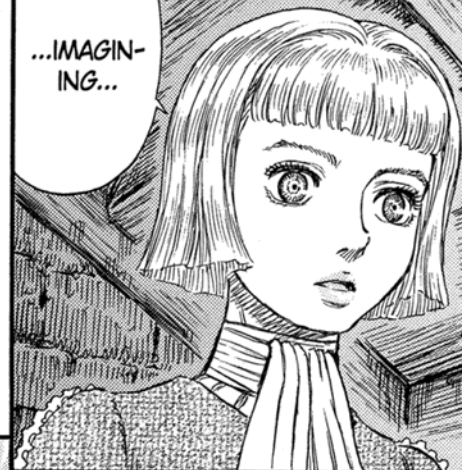


MAGIC IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED MERELY BY RECITING A SPELL AND DRAWING SYMBOLS.

IT IS THE CHAINING OF IMAGES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE THINGS THAT FIRST YIELDS EFFICACY.

...IMAGIN-
ING...

TANGIBLY
...



THE
TROLLS
AND THE
OGRE...

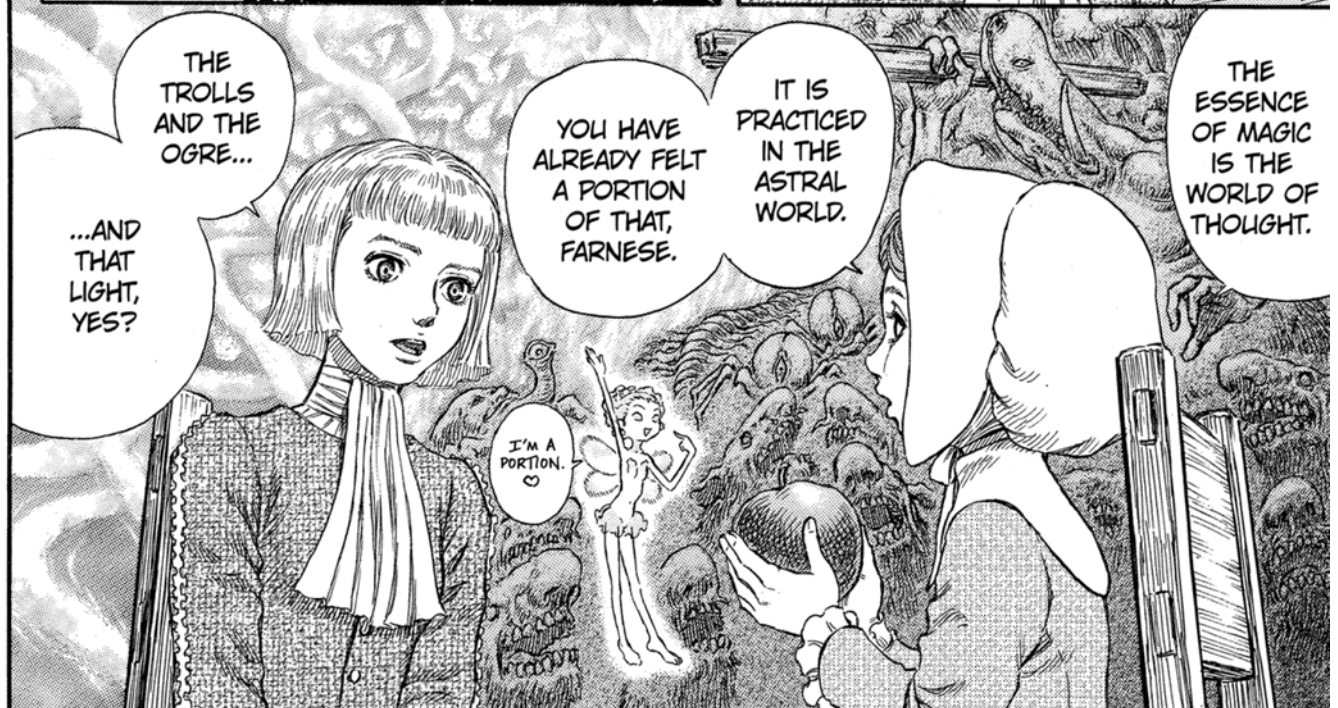
...AND
THAT
LIGHT,
YES?

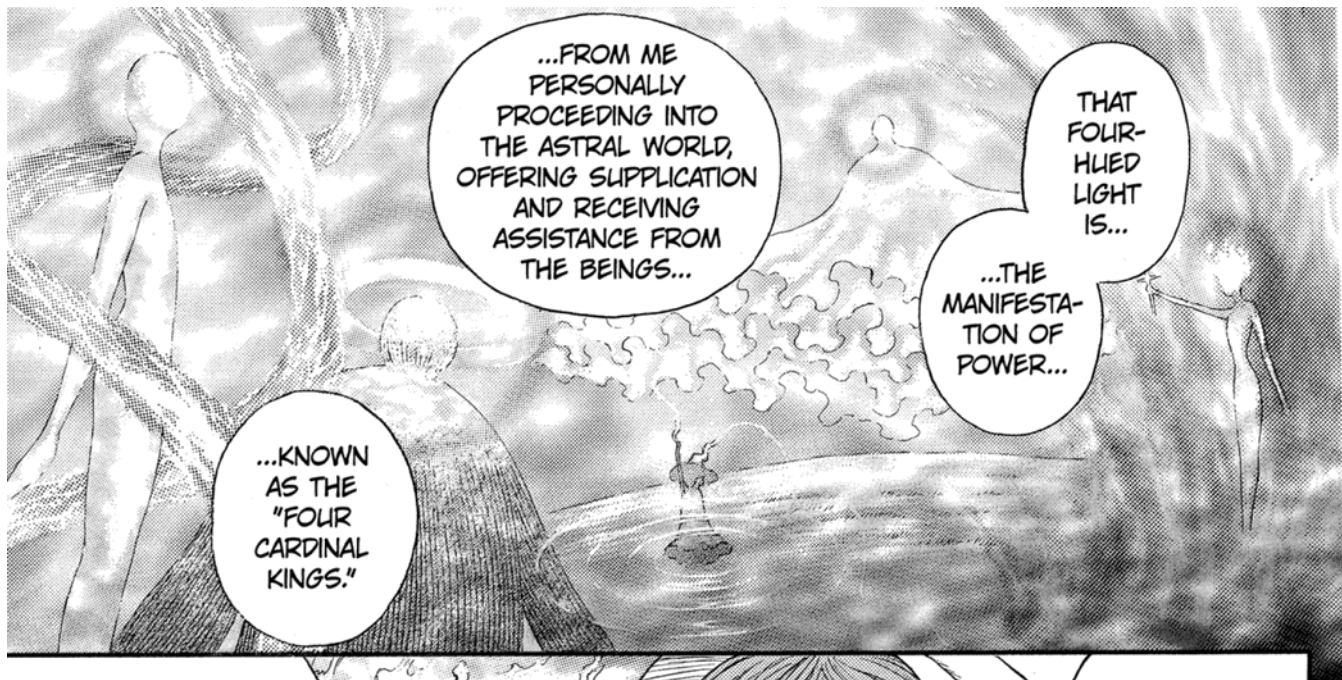
YOU HAVE
ALREADY FELT
A PORTION
OF THAT,
FARNESE.

IT IS
PRACTICED
IN THE
ASTRAL
WORLD.

THE
ESSENCE
OF MAGIC
IS THE
WORLD OF
THOUGHT.

I'M A
PORTION.
♡



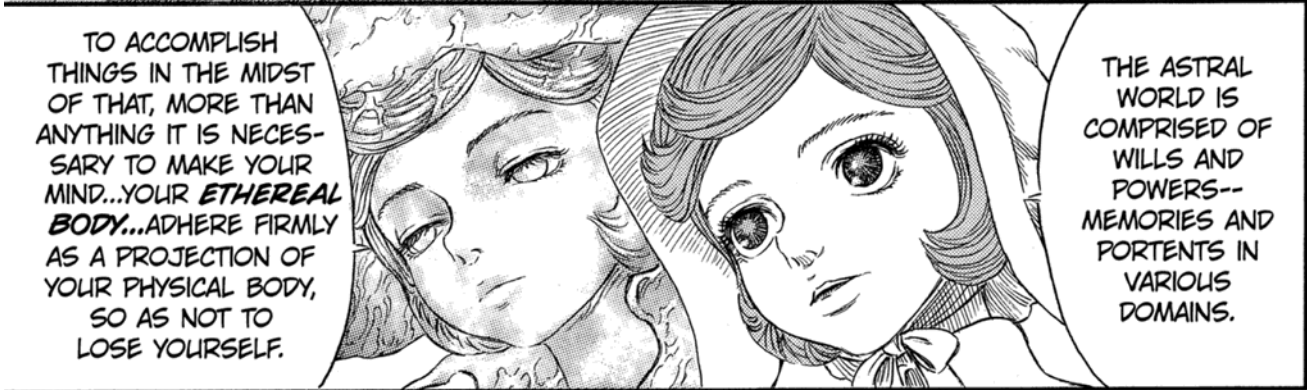


...FROM ME
PERSONALLY
PROCEEDING INTO
THE ASTRAL WORLD,
OFFERING SUPPLICATION
AND RECEIVING
ASSISTANCE FROM
THE BEINGS...

THAT FOUR-
HUED
LIGHT
IS...

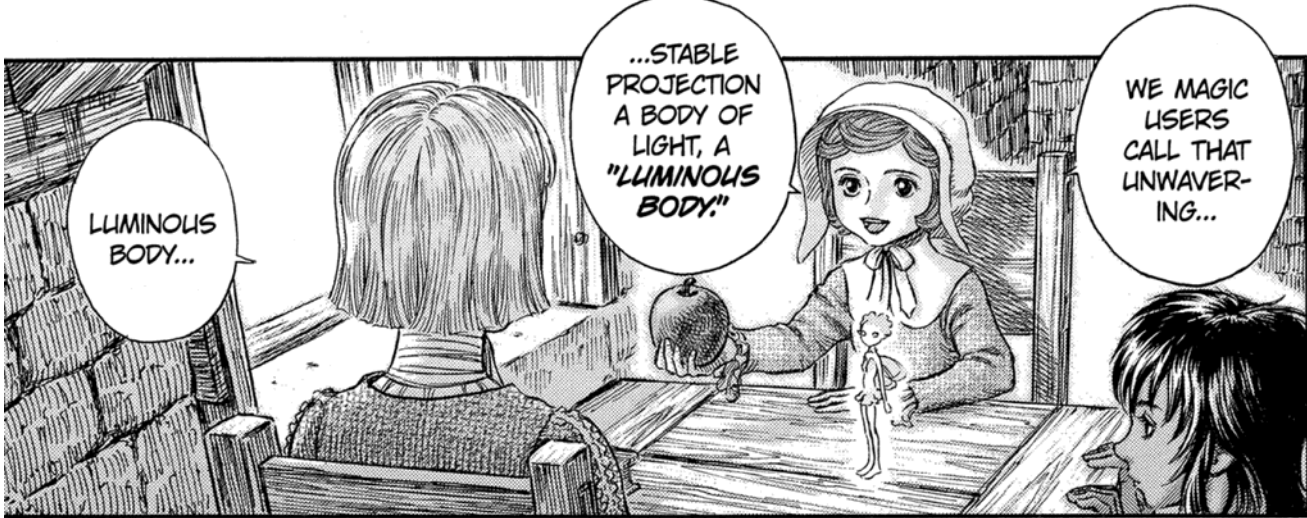
...THE
MANIFESTA-
TION OF
POWER...

...KNOWN
AS THE
"FOUR
CARDINAL
KINGS."



TO ACCOMPLISH
THINGS IN THE MIDST
OF THAT, MORE THAN
ANYTHING IT IS NECES-
SARY TO MAKE YOUR
MIND...YOUR **ETHEREAL
BODY**...ADHERE FIRMLY
AS A PROJECTION OF
YOUR PHYSICAL BODY,
SO AS NOT TO
LOSE YOURSELF.

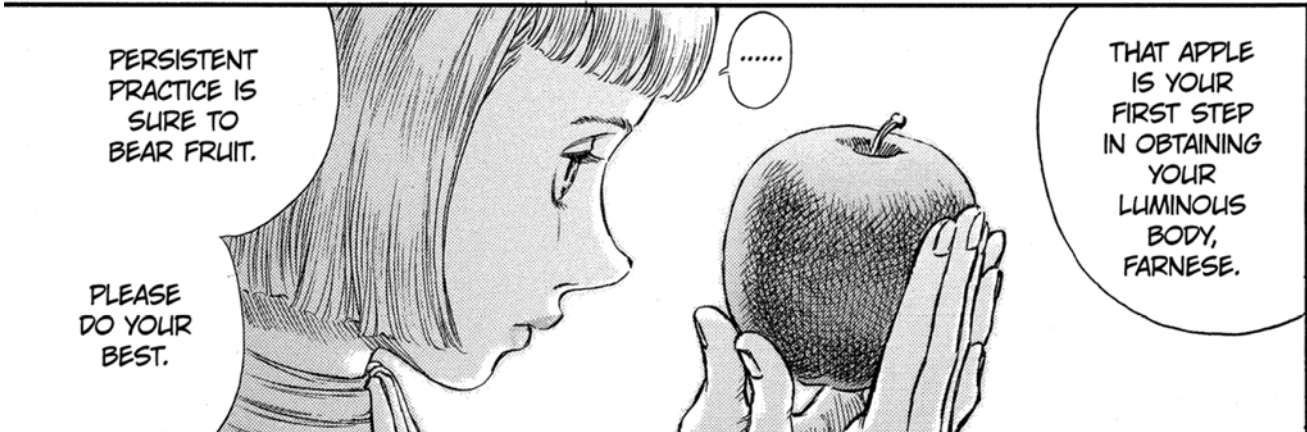
THE ASTRAL
WORLD IS
COMPRISED OF
WILLS AND
POWERS--
MEMORIES AND
PORTENTS IN
VARIOUS
DOMAINS.



LUMINOUS
BODY...

...STABLE
PROJECTION
A BODY OF
LIGHT, A
"**LUMINOUS
BODY**."

WE MAGIC
USERS
CALL THAT
UNWAVER-
ING...

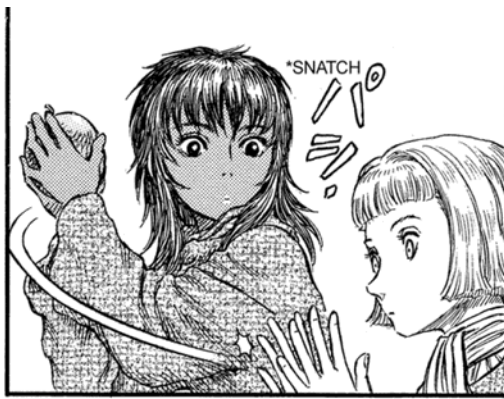


PERSISTENT
PRACTICE IS
SURE TO
BEAR FRUIT.

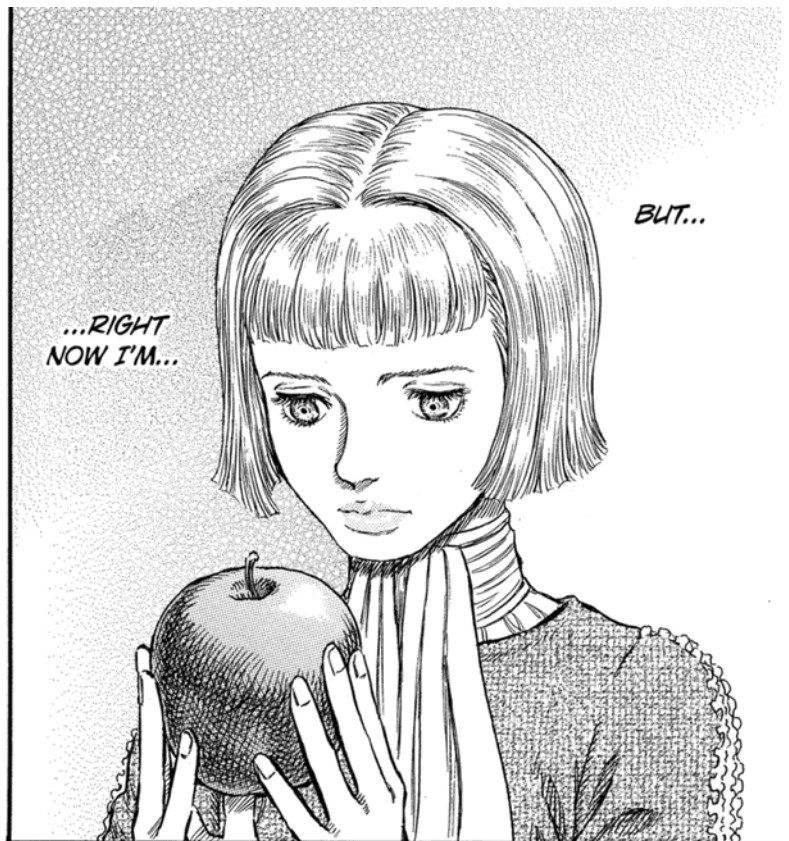
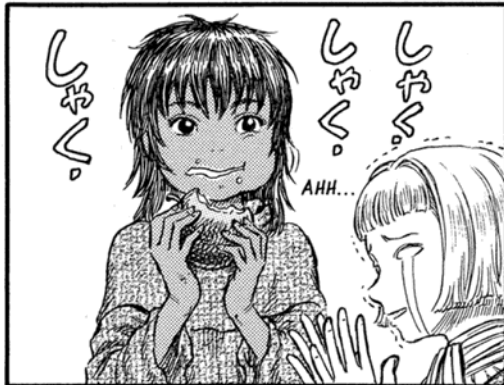
PLEASE
DO YOUR
BEST.

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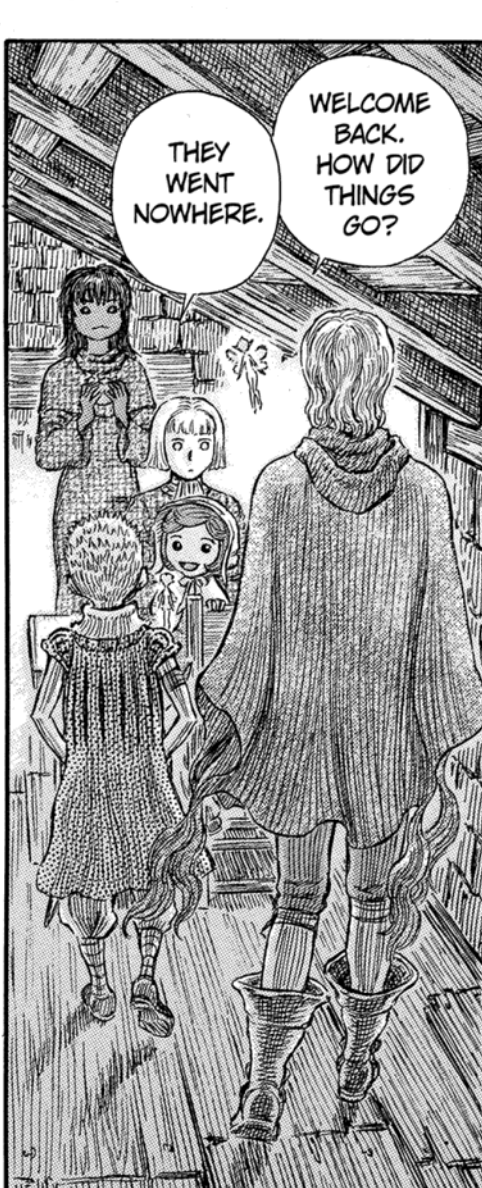
THAT APPLE
IS YOUR
FIRST STEP
IN OBTAINING
YOUR
LUMINOUS
BODY,
FARNESE.



*FX: SHOMP SHOMP SHOMP



*FX: GREE GREE





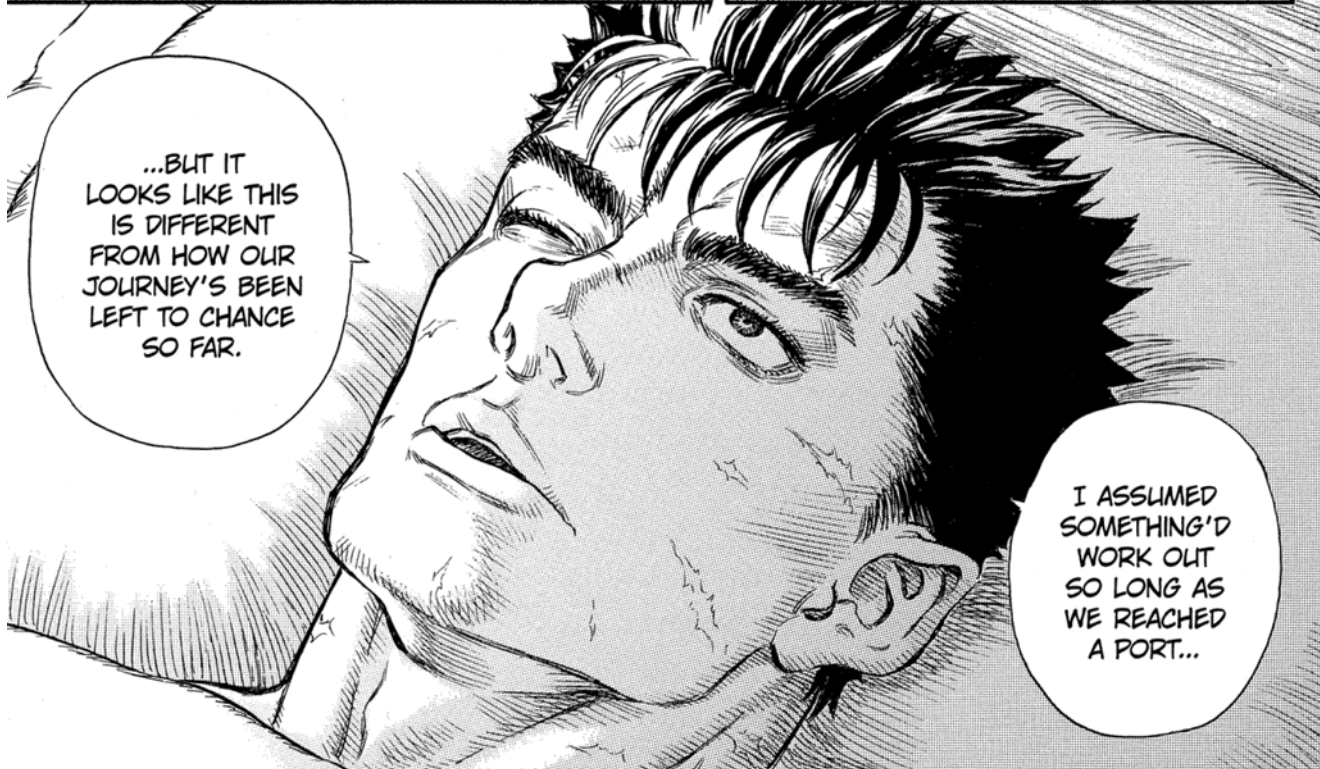
WE
OVERESTI-
MATED OUR
PROSPECTS.

...BUT EVERY SHIP HAS
BEEN COMMANDEERED
AS A WARSHIP OR HAS
ACCEPTED MILITARY-
RELATED COMMISSIONS.
THEY CURTLY...WELL,
ALL OF THEM TURNED
US AWAY WITHOUT
NEGOTIATION.

WE TRIED
EVERY
MARITIME
TRADING
FIRM, AND
EVEN A
PRIVATE SHIP
CAPTAIN IN
THE CITY...

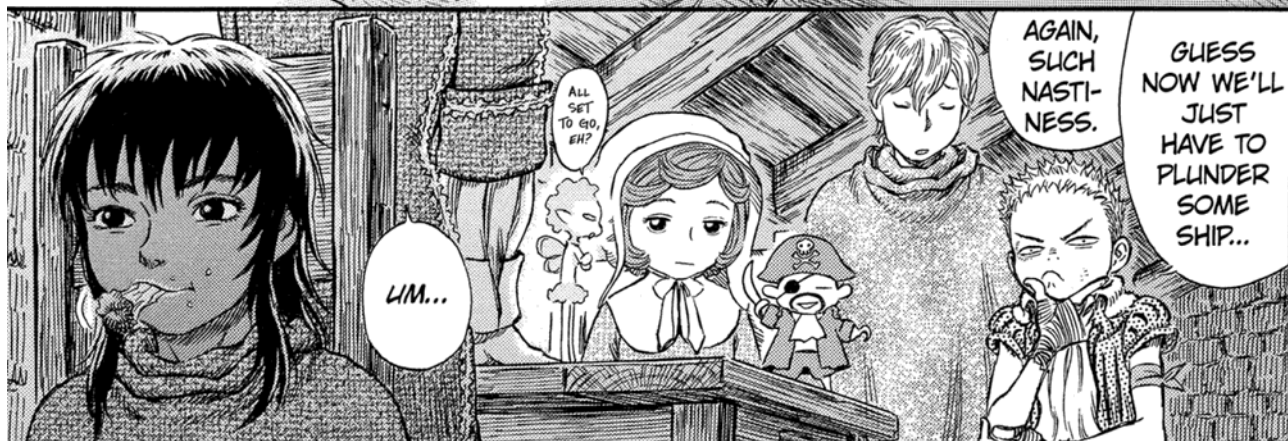


WE
WALKED
OUR LEGS
OFF ALL DAY
IN THAT
CROWD.



...BUT IT
LOOKS LIKE THIS
IS DIFFERENT
FROM HOW OUR
JOURNEY'S BEEN
LEFT TO CHANCE
SO FAR.

I ASSUMED
SOMETHING'D
WORK OUT
SO LONG AS
WE REACHED
A PORT...

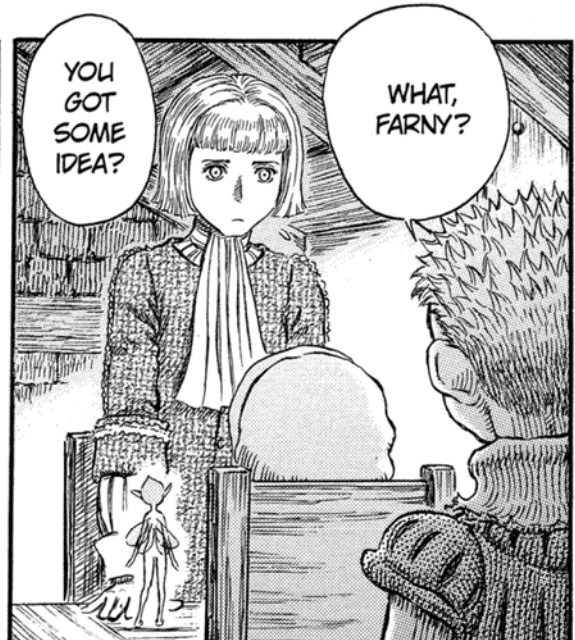
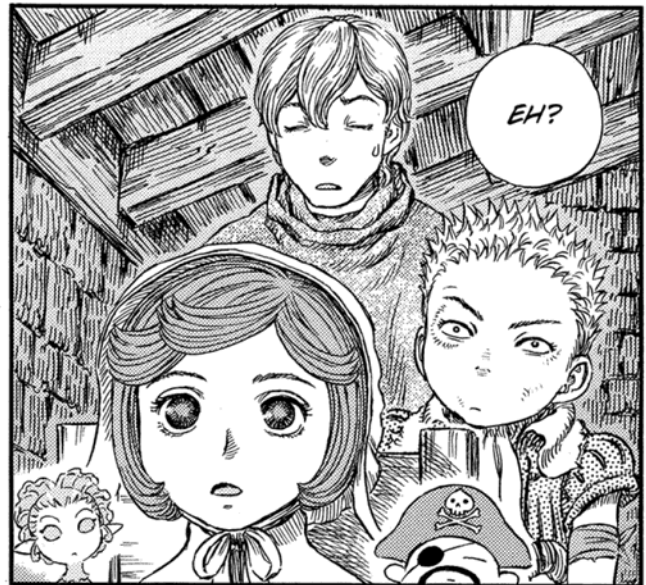
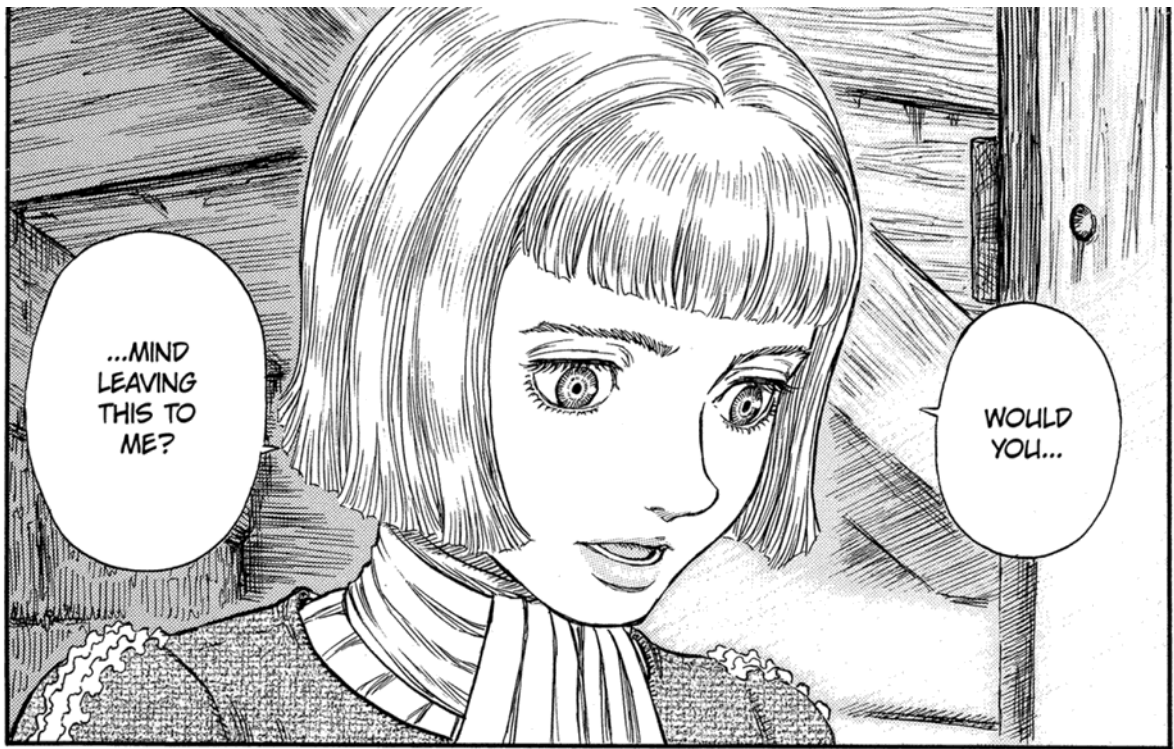


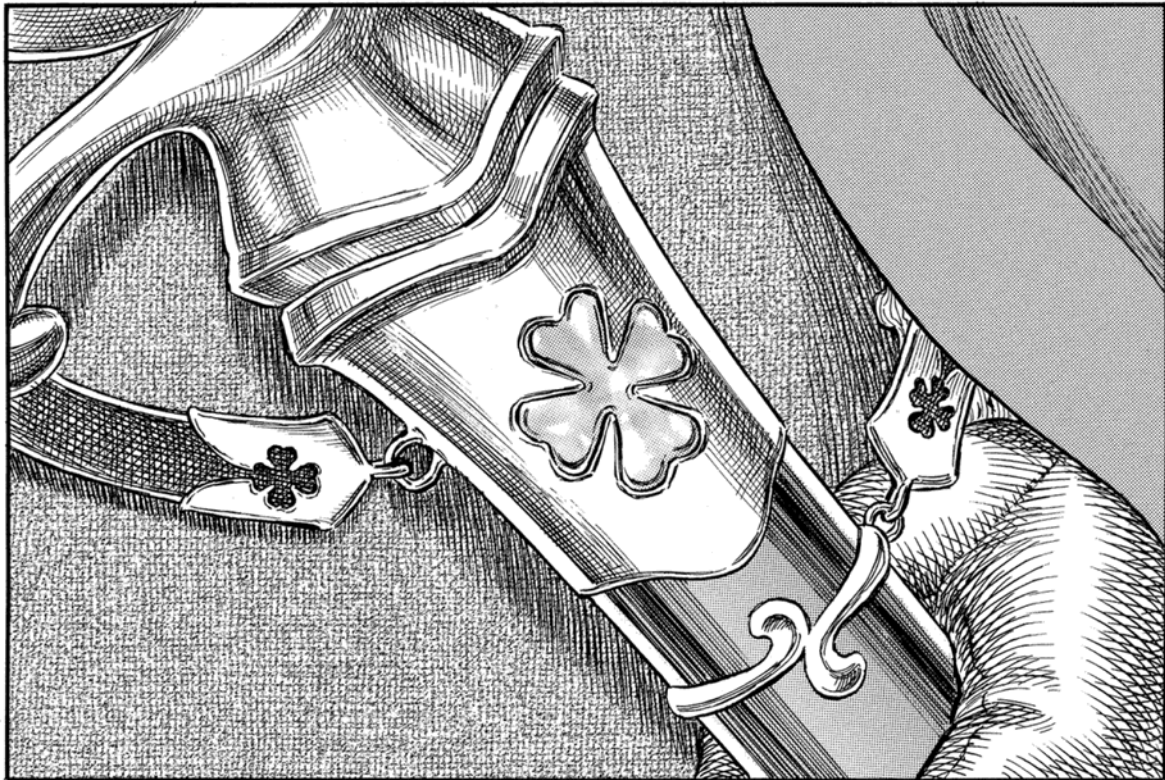
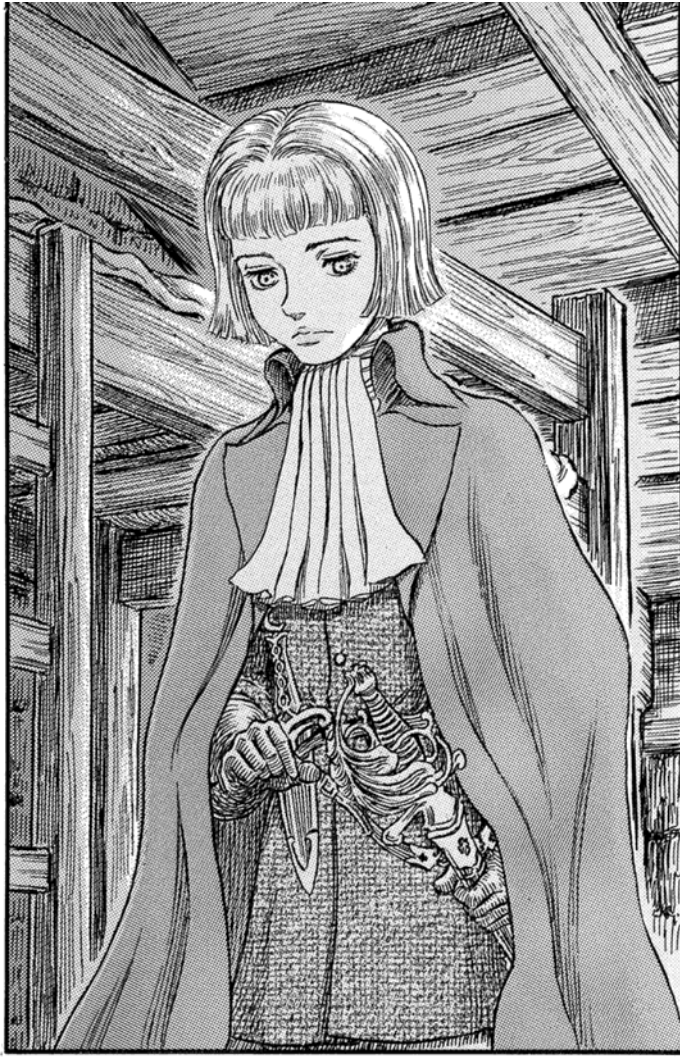
ALL
SET
TO GO,
EH?

UM...

AGAIN,
SUCH
NASTI-
NESS.

GUESS
NOW WE'LL
JUST
HAVE TO
PLUNDER
SOME
SHIP...





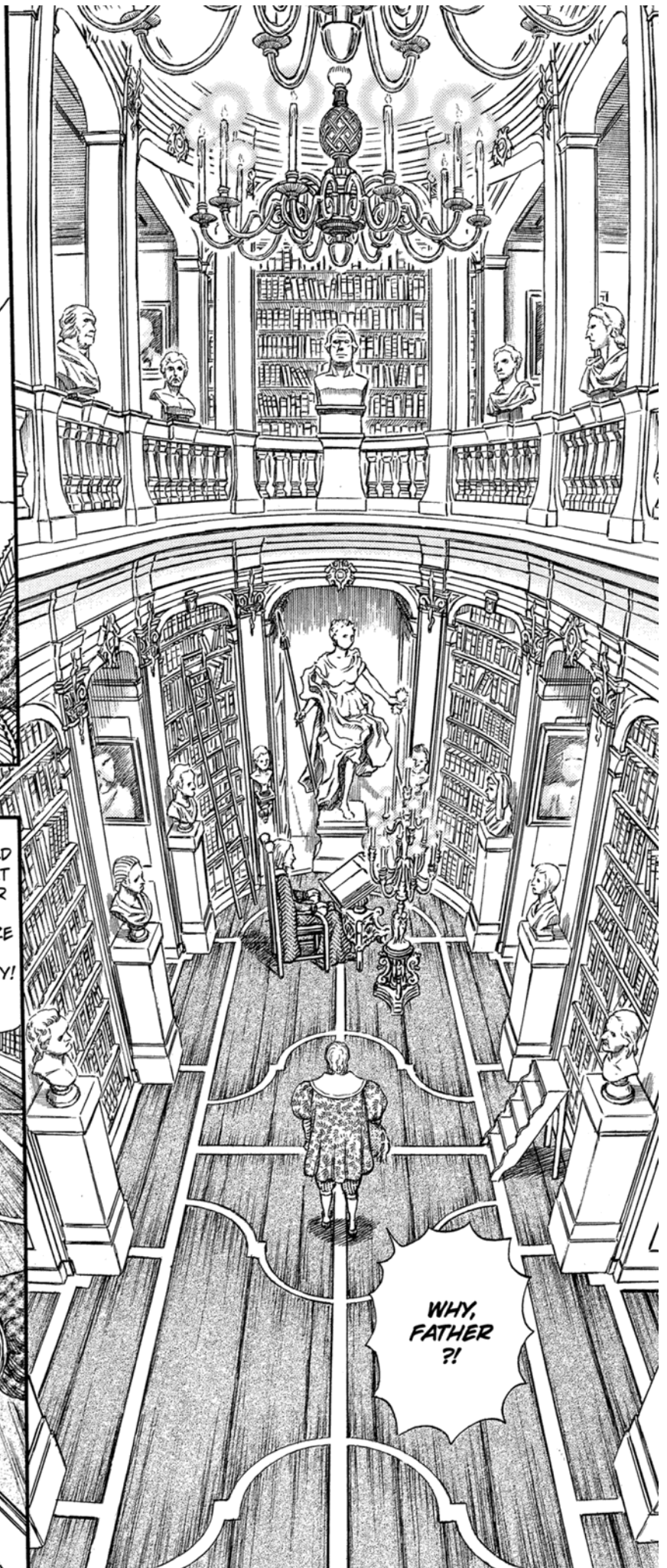


I HAVE *TRIED* TO DO AS I WAS TOLD! I'VE STABILIZED THE BANKING OPERATIONS OF THE BRAJUE BRANCH THESE THREE YEARS! MY BRANCH ALSO SINGLE-HANDEDLY MANAGES THE BUYING OF PELTS, LINEN, TIN, AND LEAD FOR THE ENTIRE NORTHERN REGION!



PLEASE, LET ME INTO THE INNER--

IT SHOULD BE ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO RECOGNIZE MY ABILITY!



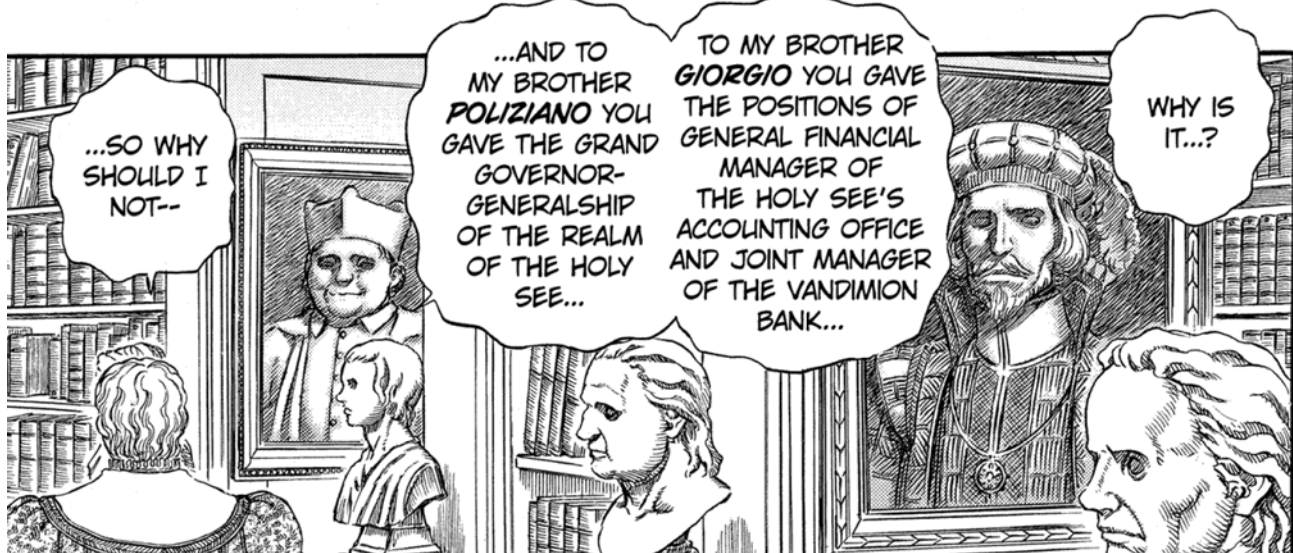
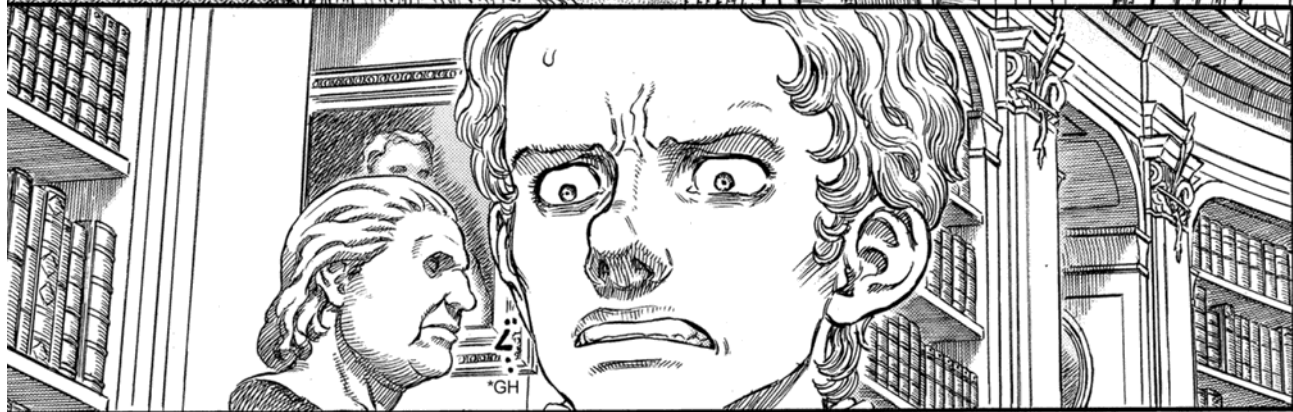
WHY, FATHER ?!



YOU'VE DONE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
WALK UPON
THE ROAD
I'VE PAVED.

ABILITY?

MANIFICO.

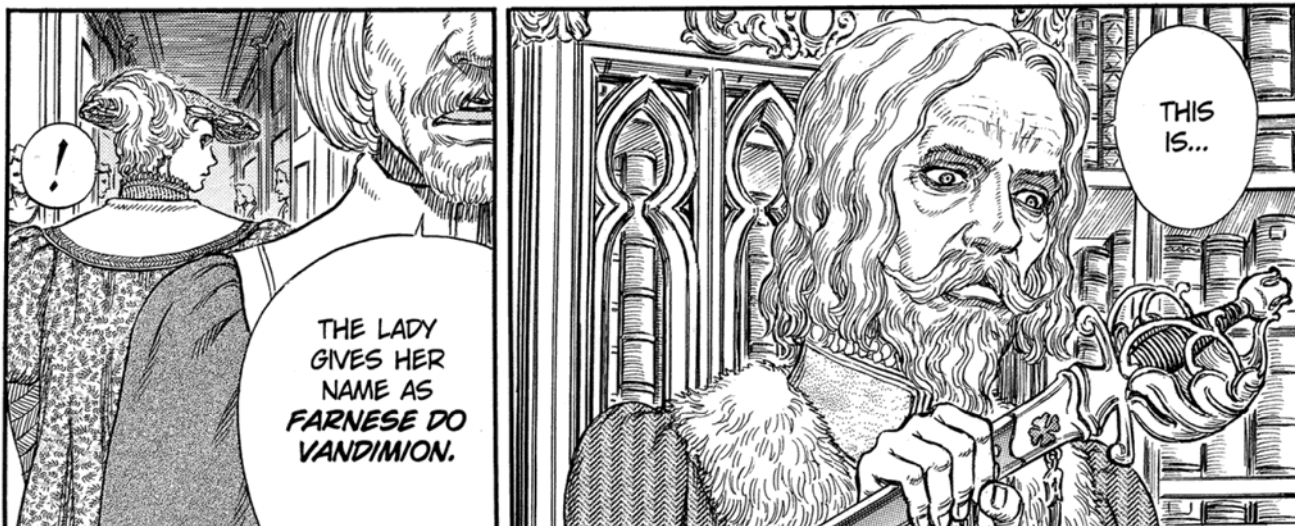
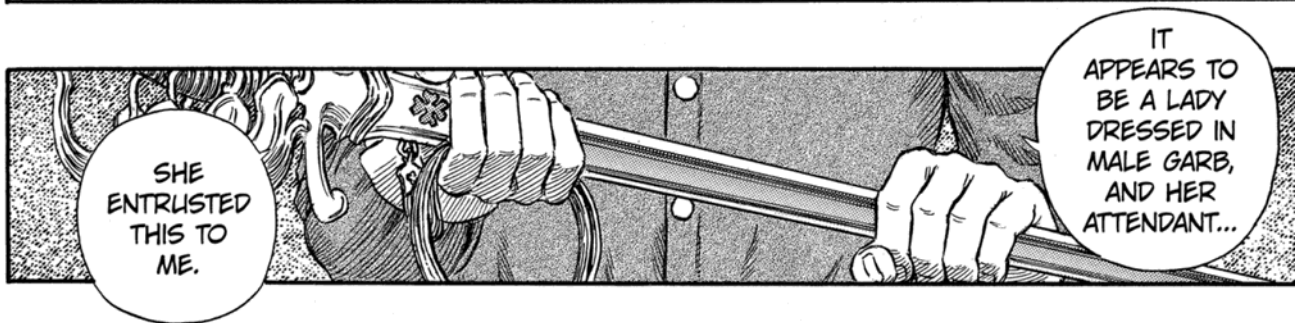
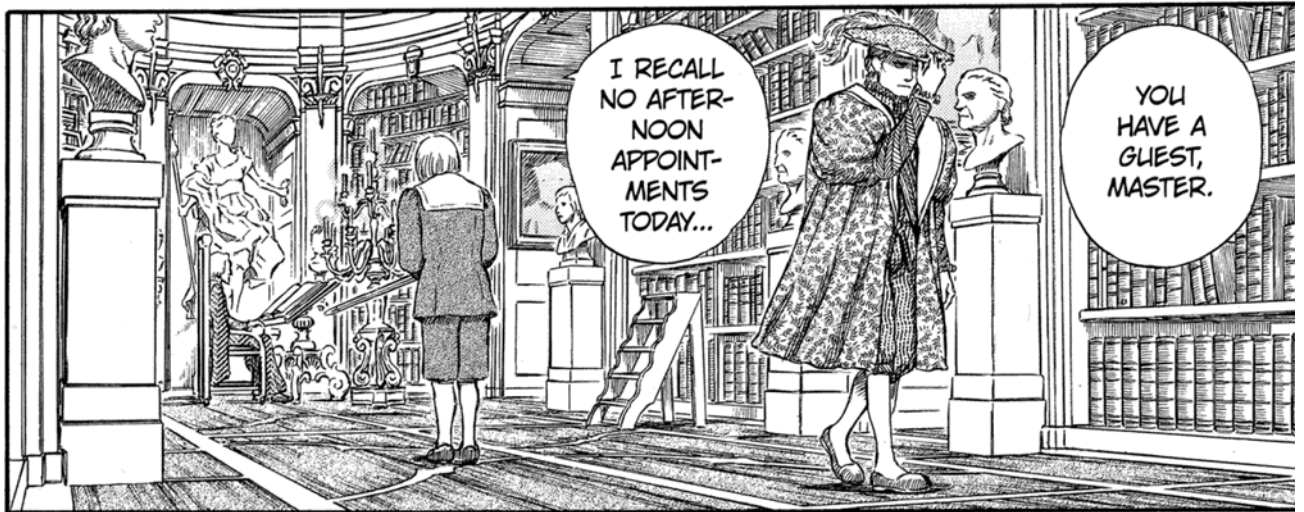
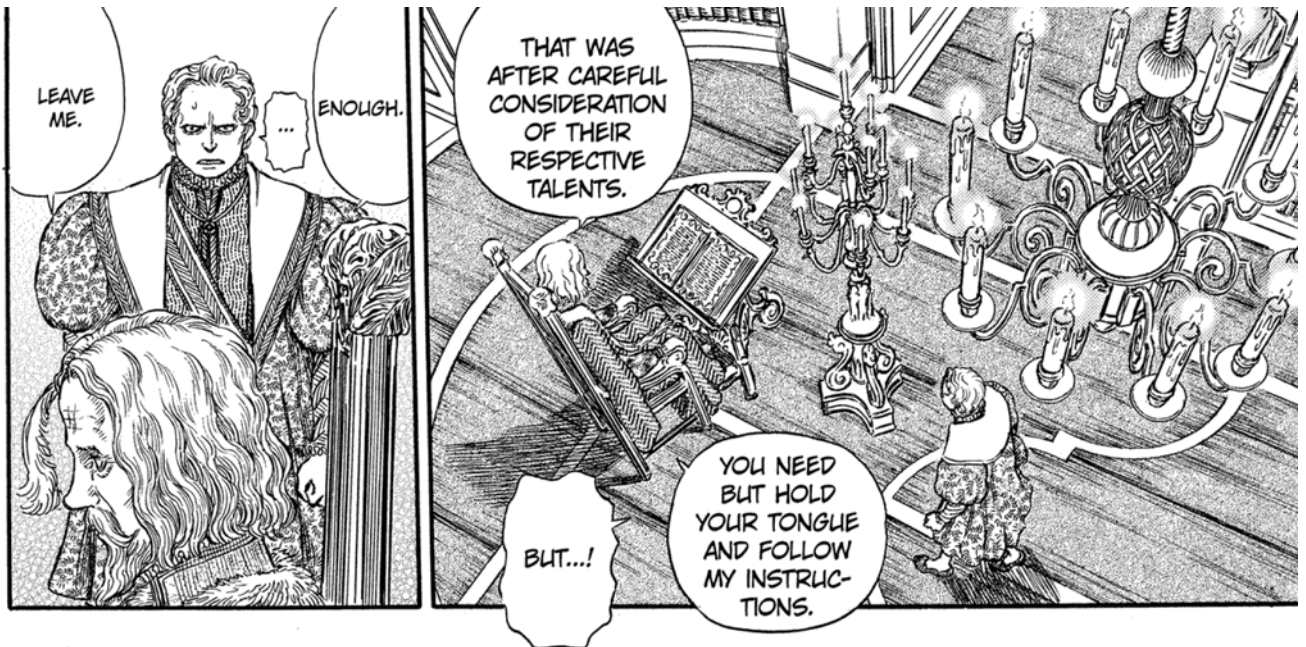


...SO WHY
SHOULD I
NOT--

...AND TO
MY BROTHER
POLIZIANO YOU
GAVE THE GRAND
GOVERNOR-
GENERALSHIP
OF THE REALM
OF THE HOLY
SEE...

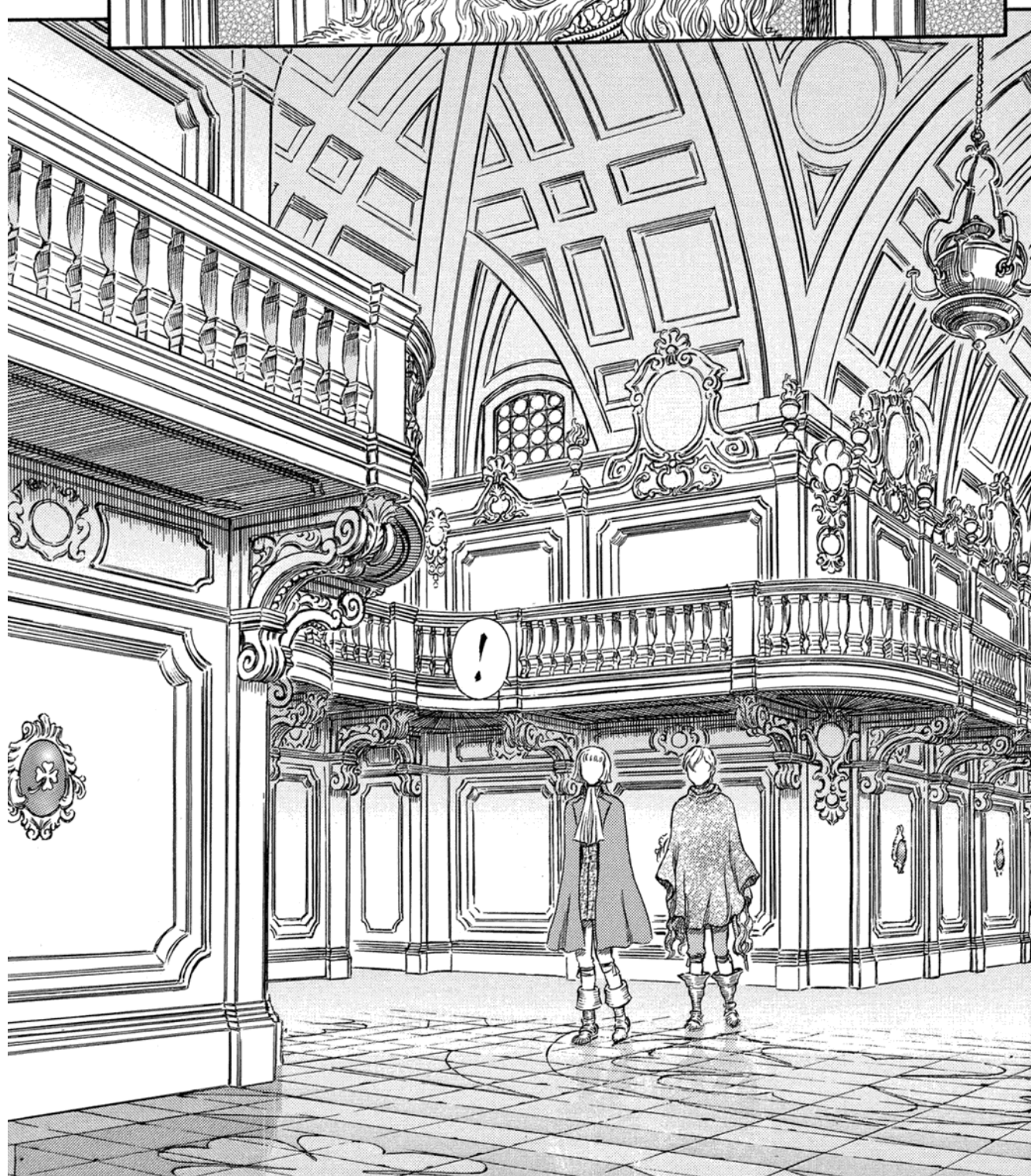
TO MY BROTHER
GIORGIO YOU GAVE
THE POSITIONS OF
GENERAL FINANCIAL
MANAGER OF
THE HOLY SEE'S
ACCOUNTING OFFICE
AND JOINT MANAGER
OF THE VANDIMION
BANK...

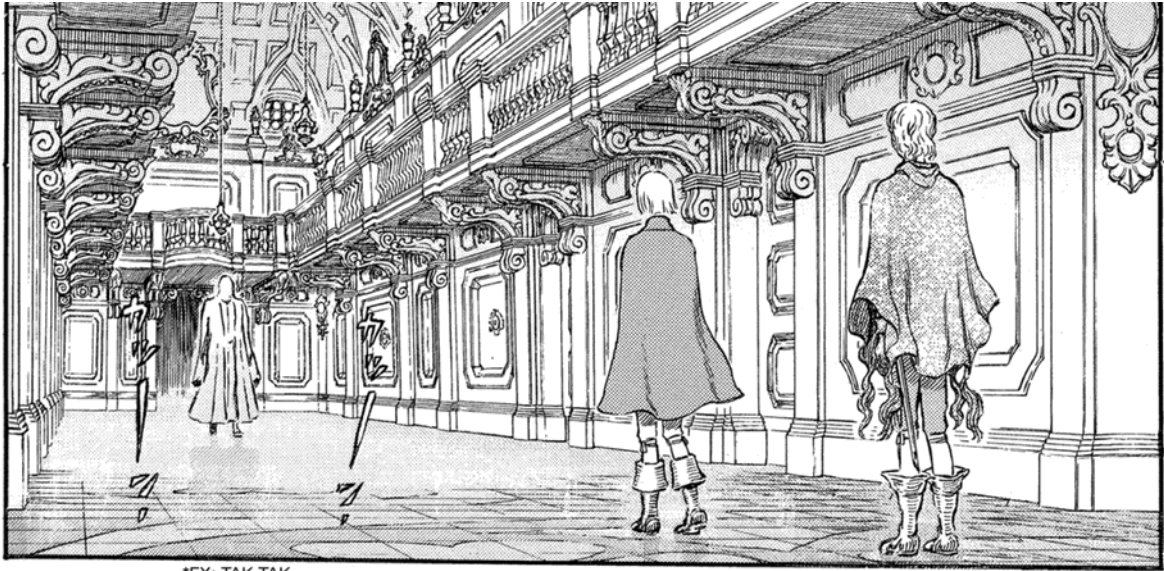
WHY IS
IT...?



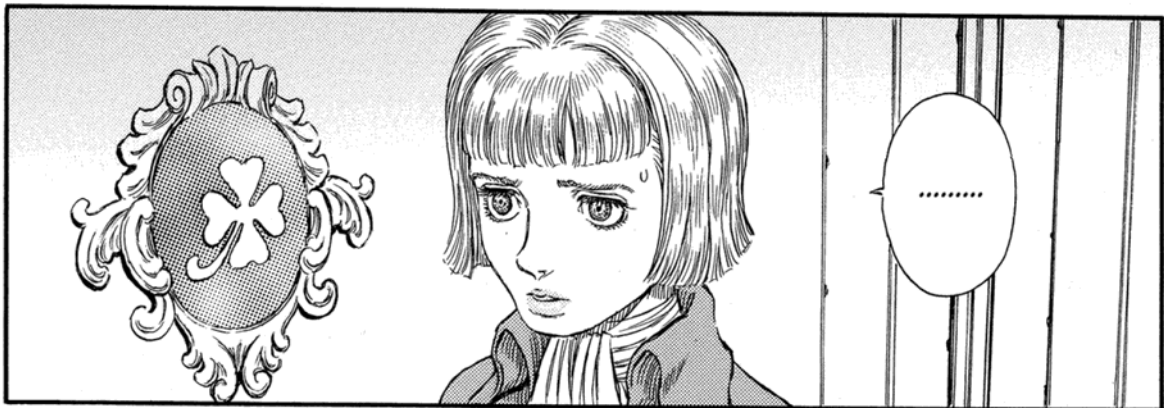
WHAT?

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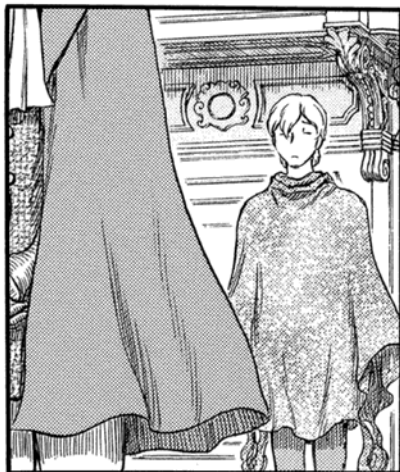




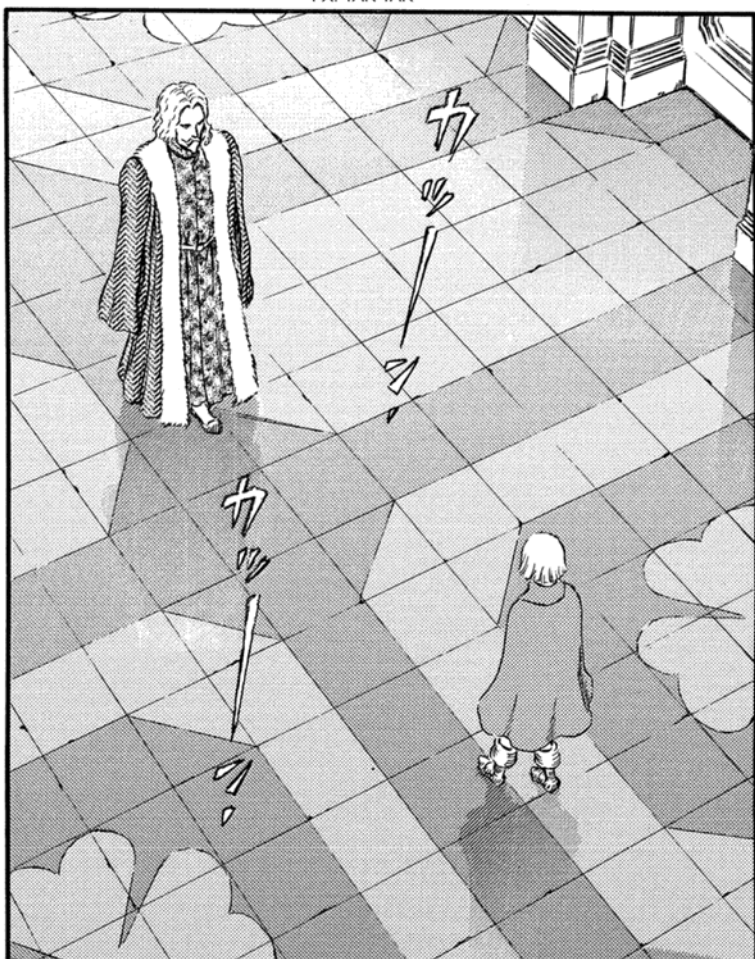
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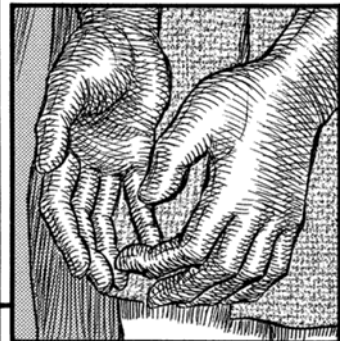
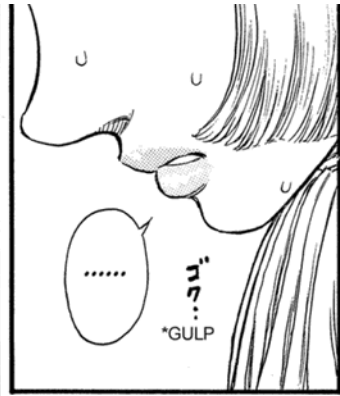
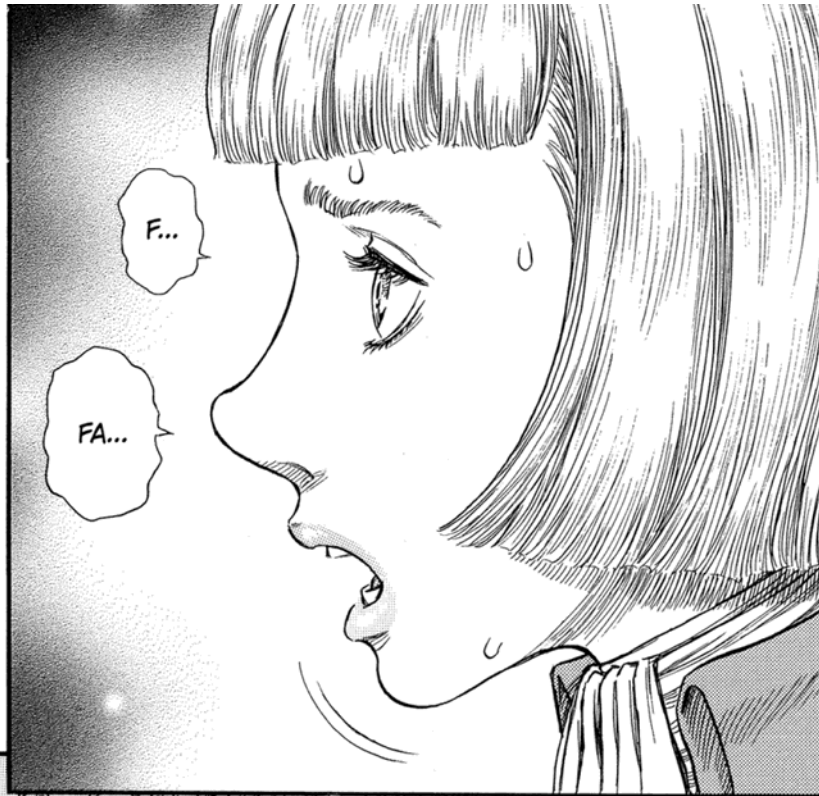


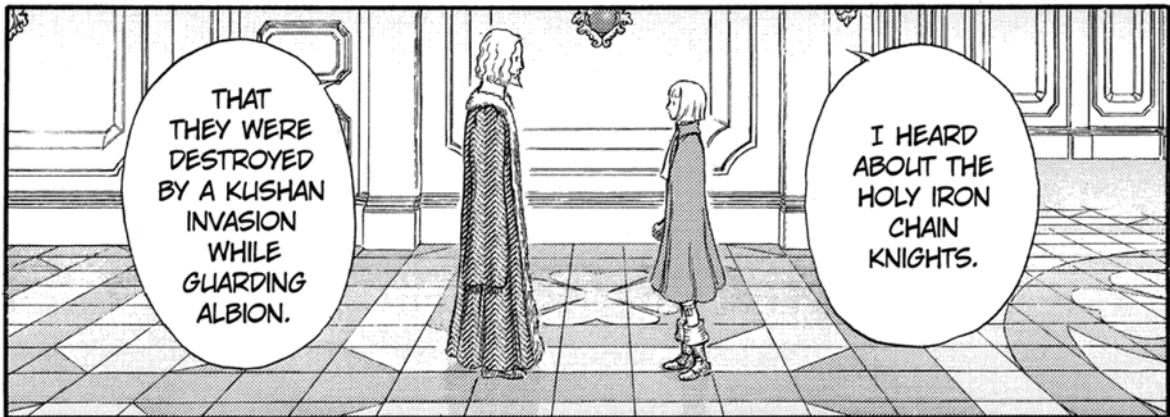
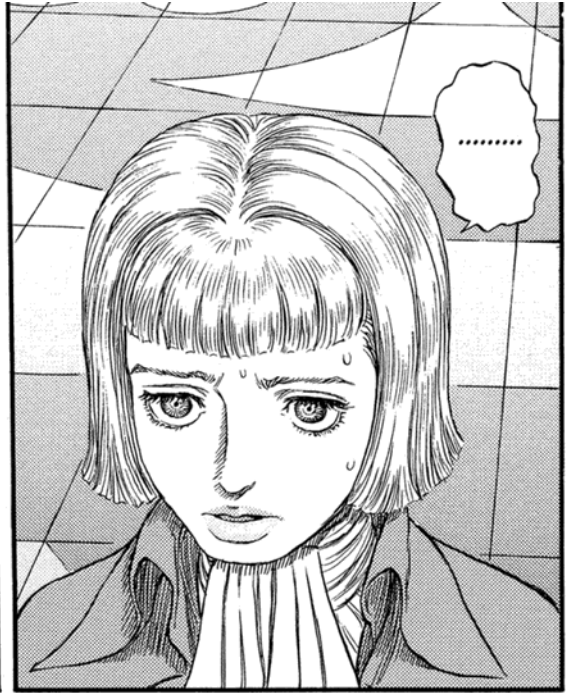
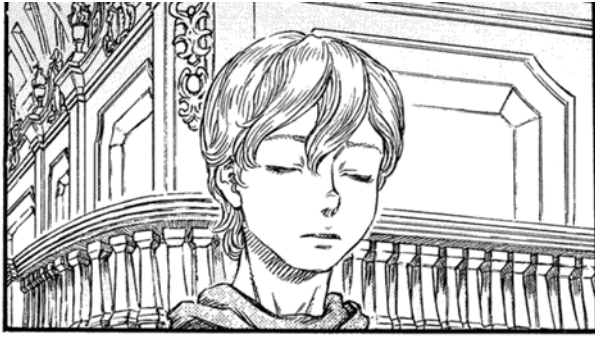
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*FX: CLENCH





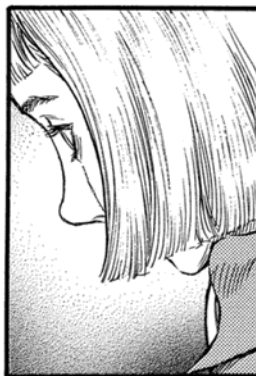
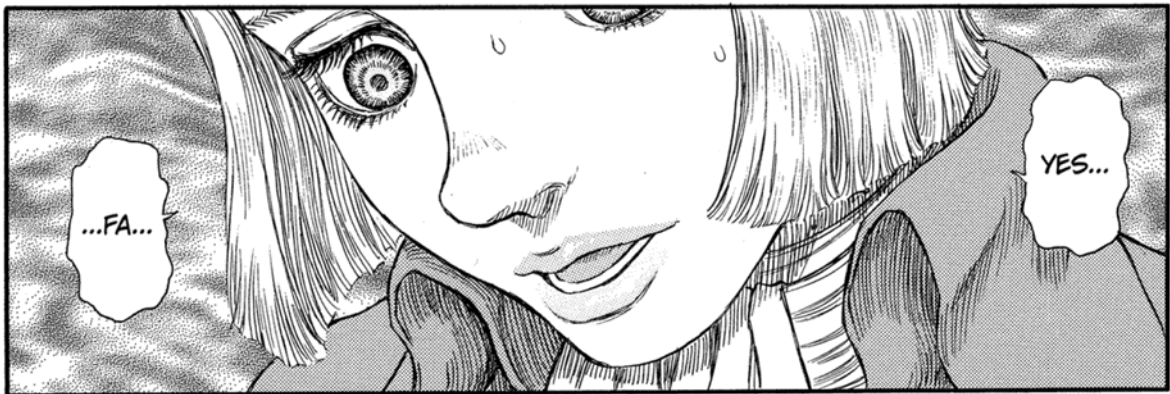
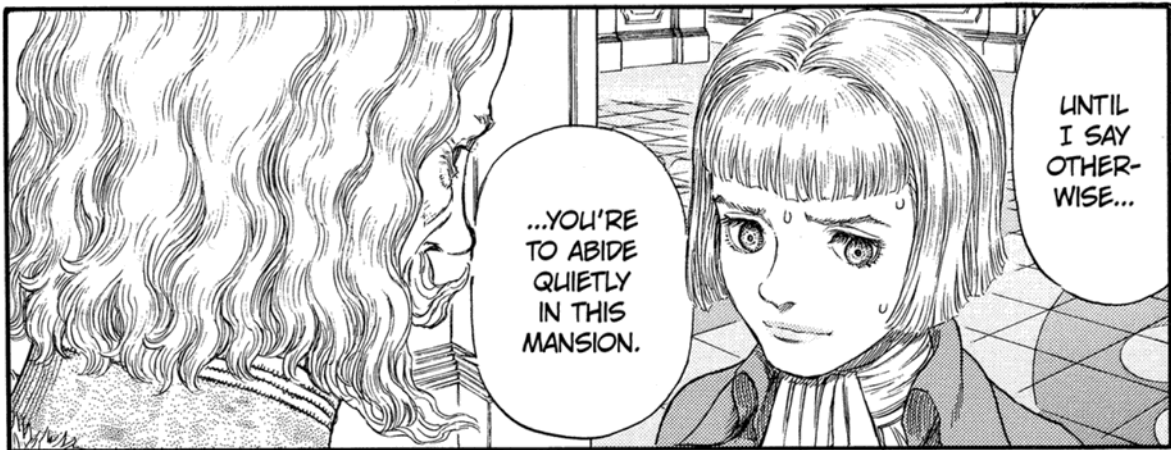




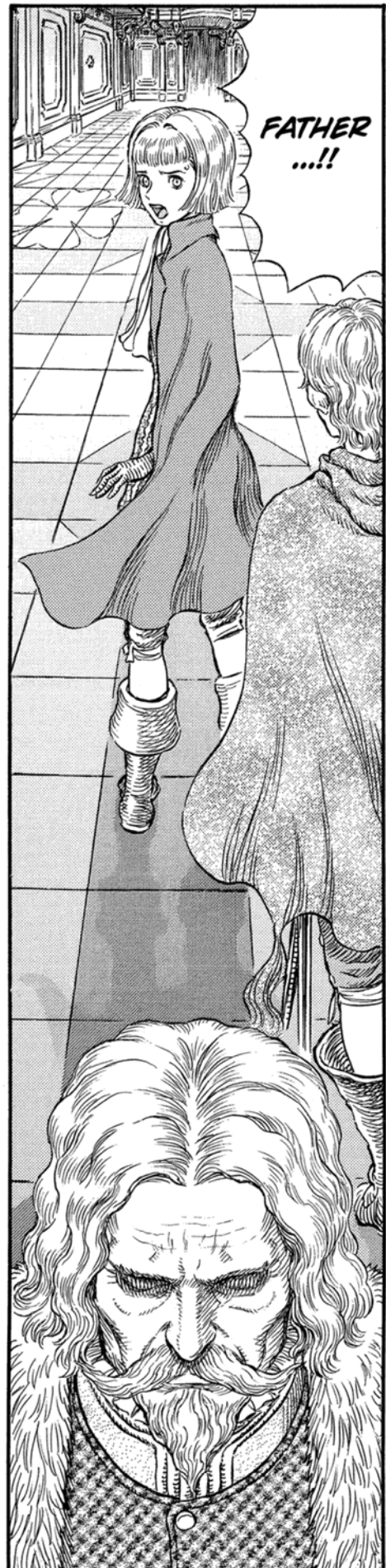
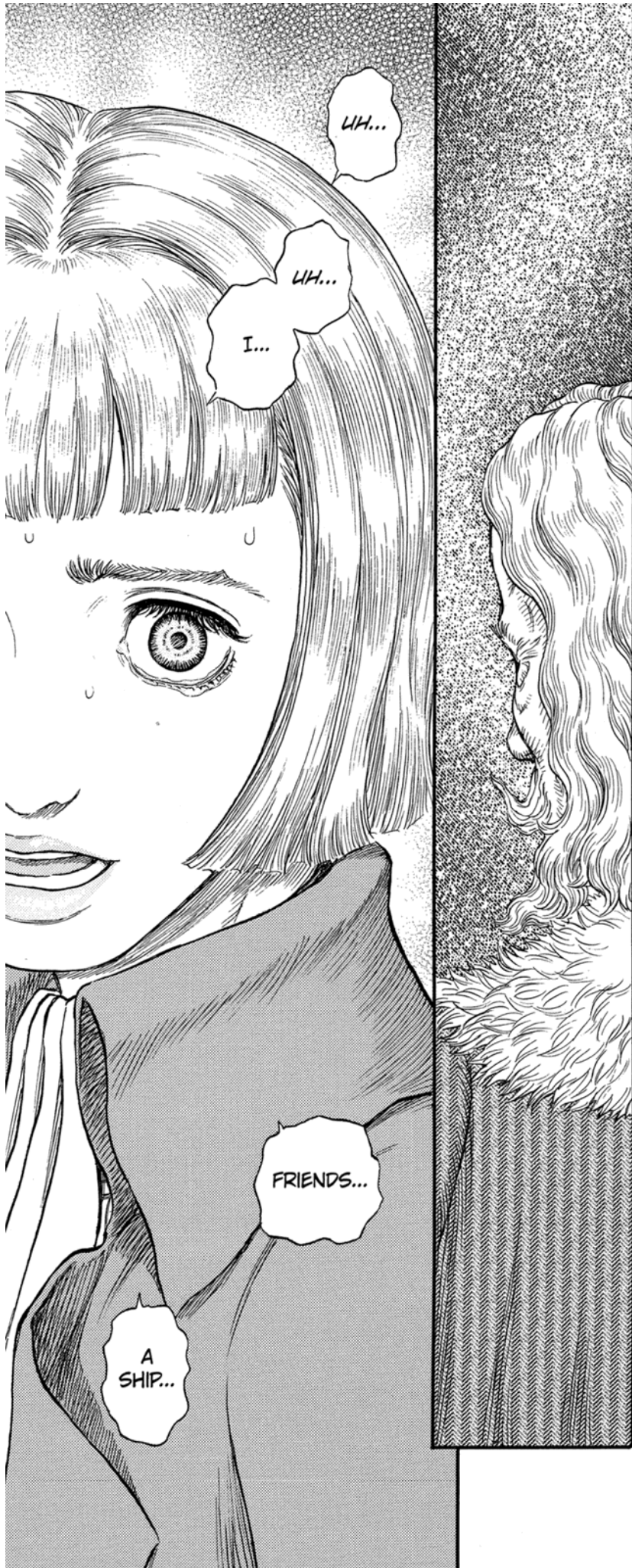
...THE STAR
LINDER WHICH YOU
WERE BORN WILL
SEE TO IT THAT
YOU SULLY THE
HONOR OF OUR
VANDIMION
NAME.

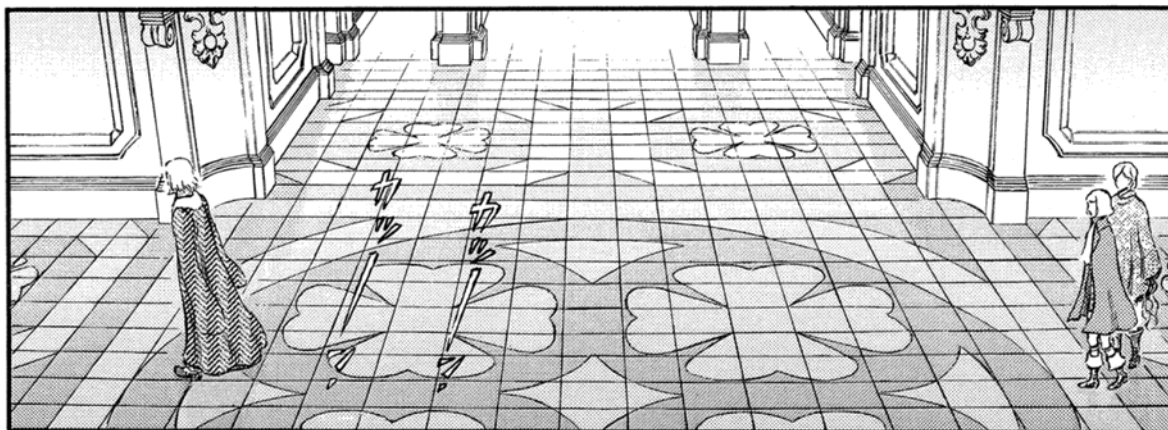
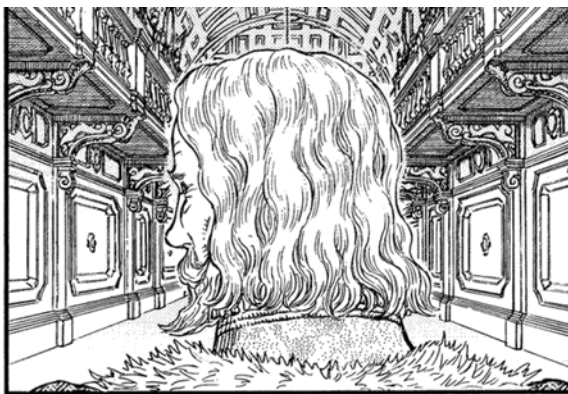
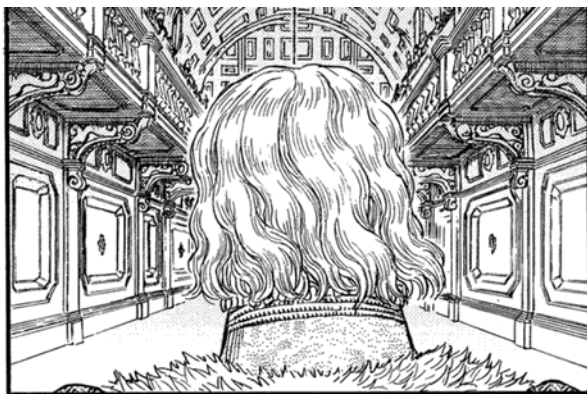
...NO
MATTER
WHERE
YOU GO...

IT
WOULD
SEEM
THAT...

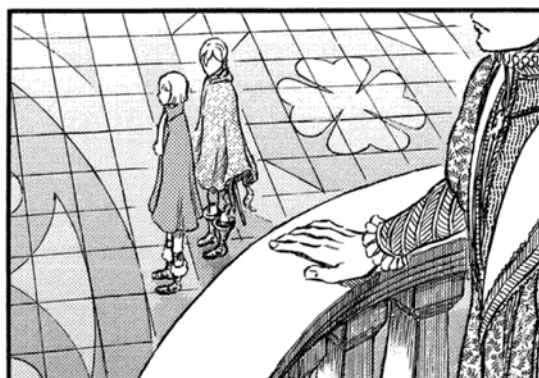
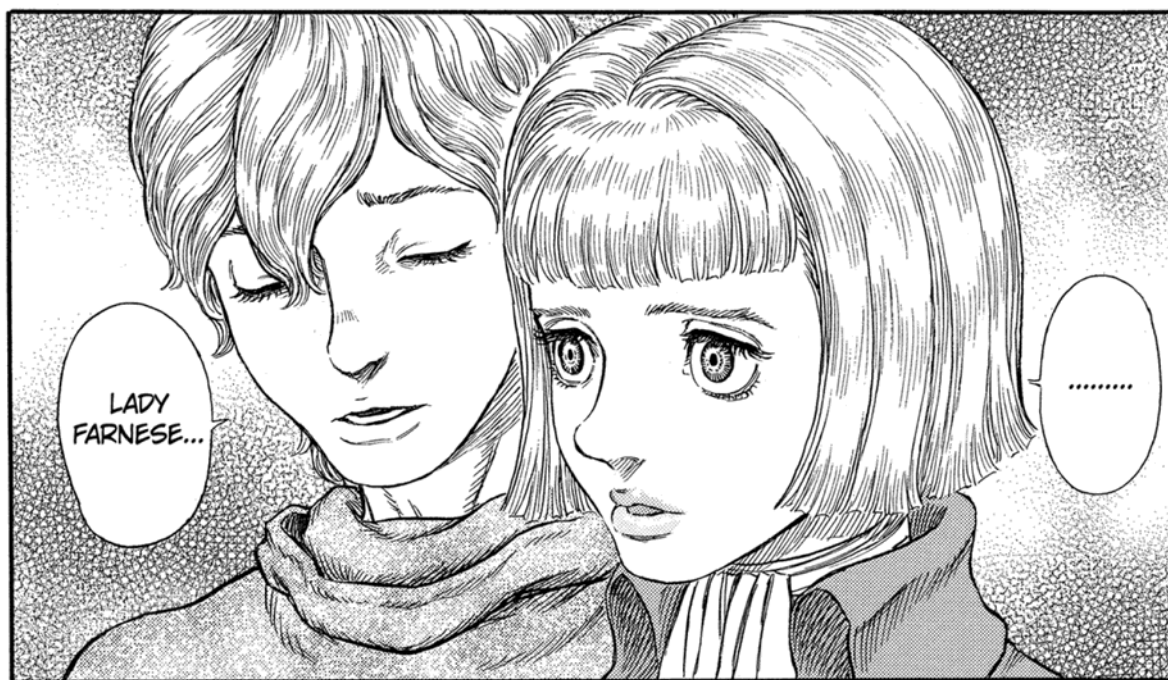


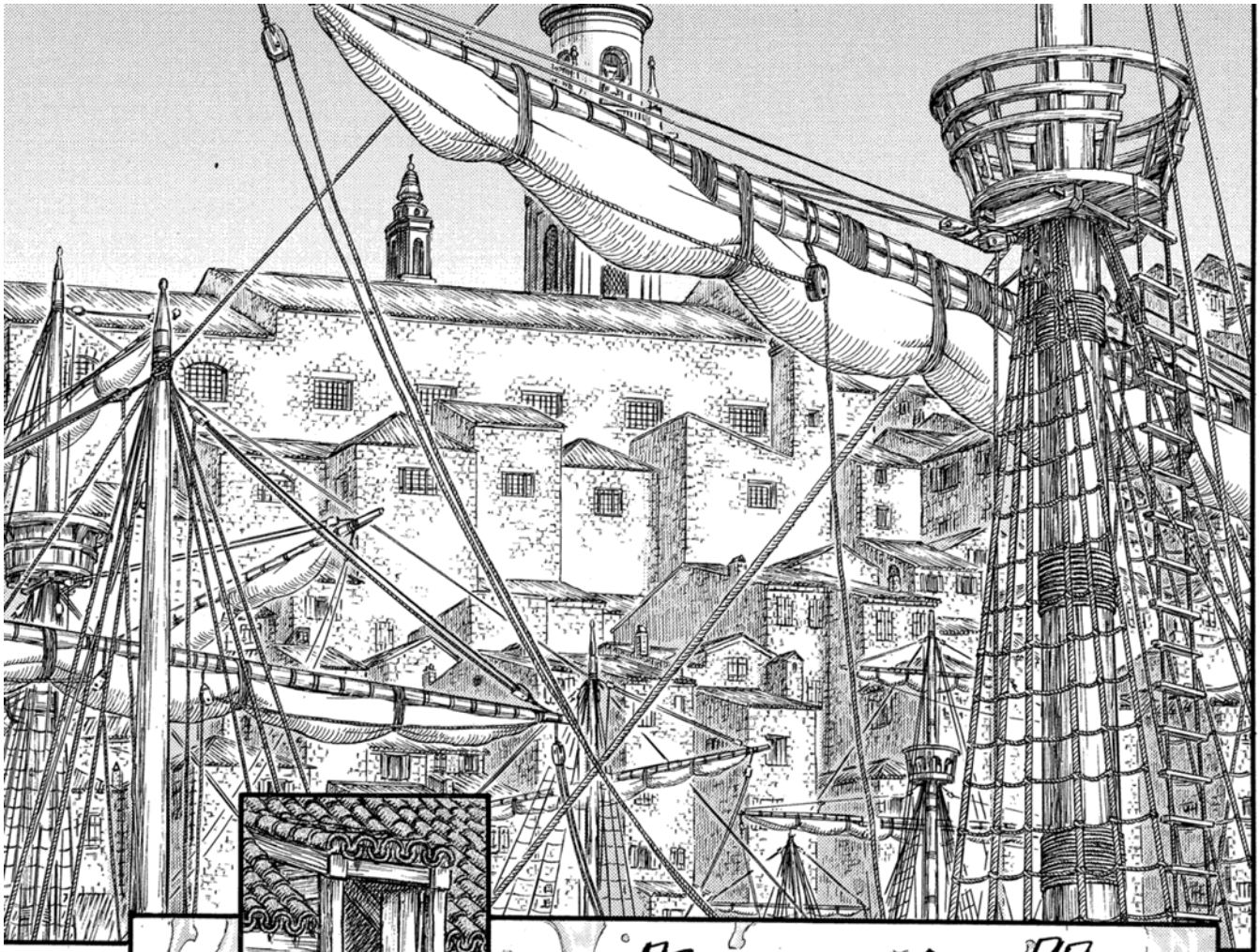
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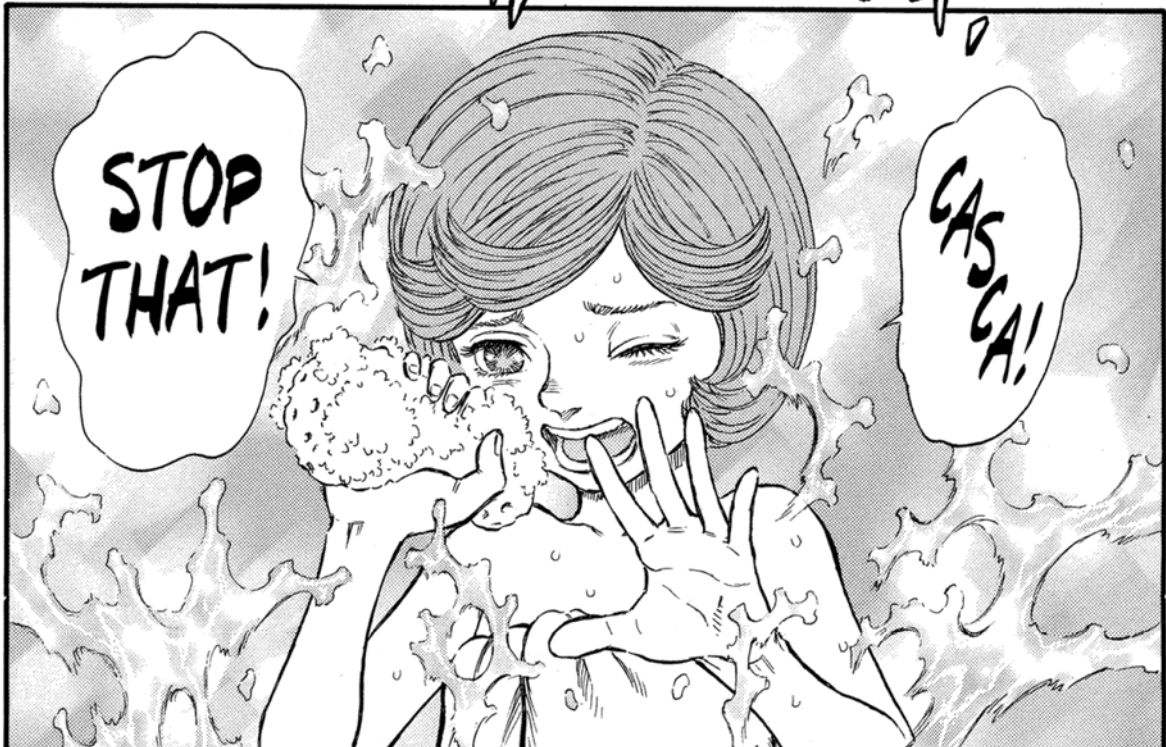
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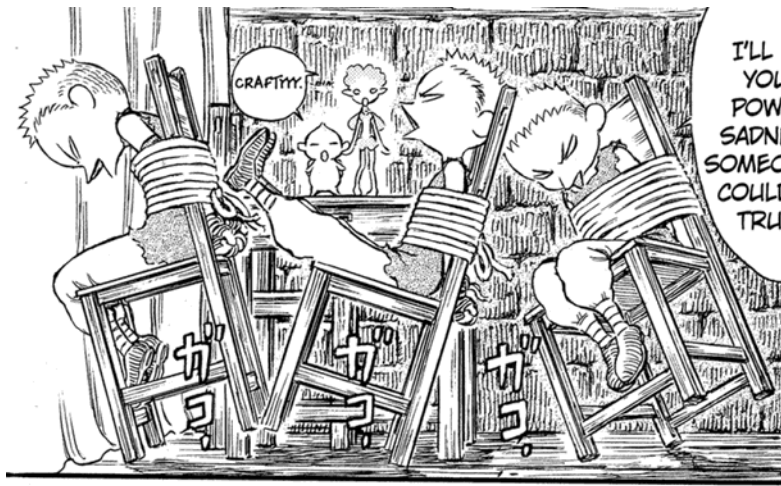


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IN THE GARDEN







*FX: KTUNK KTUNK KTUNK

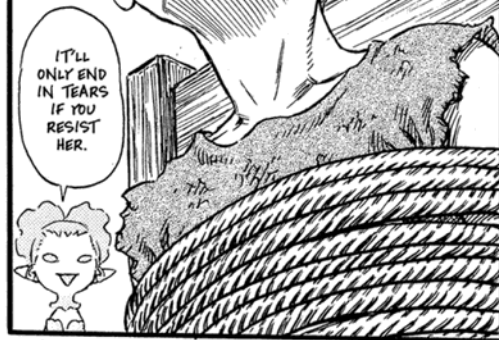
I'LL SHOW YOU THE POWER OF SADNESS OF SOMEONE WHO COULDN'T BE TRUSTED!

THIS IS HOW YOU APPRECIATE A COMPANION WHO'S COME THROUGH SO MANY BATTLES WITH YOU? REALLY, IT'S SO SAD, I CAN'T EVEN GET PISSED ABOUT IT.



*FX: MFF MFF

YOUR NASTY NATURE'S TURNED ME INTO A RAVIN' BEAST!



IT'LL ONLY END IN TEARS IF YOU RESIST HER.

*FX: FWMP



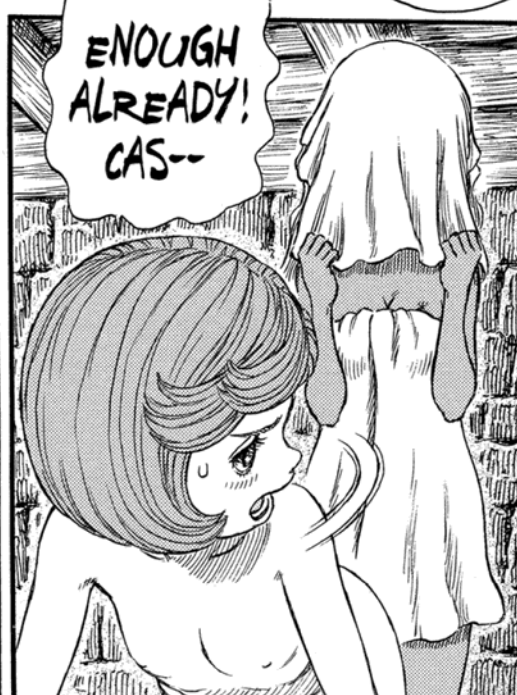
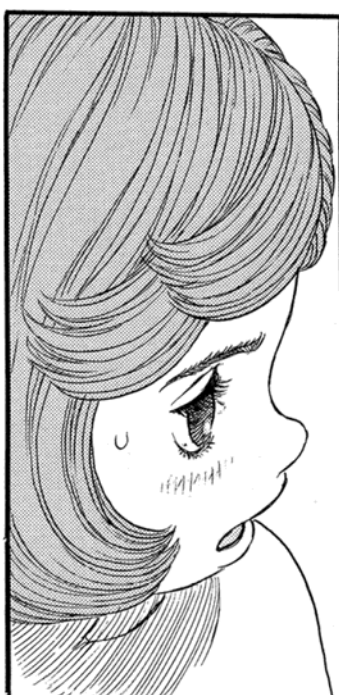
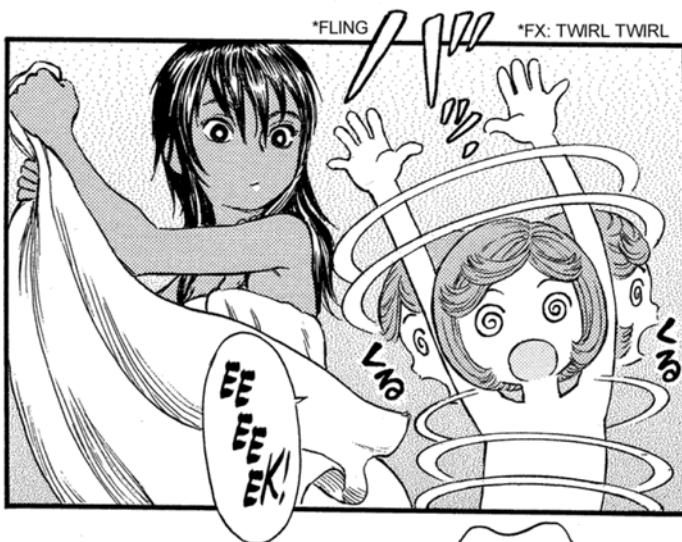
OOO/OOO

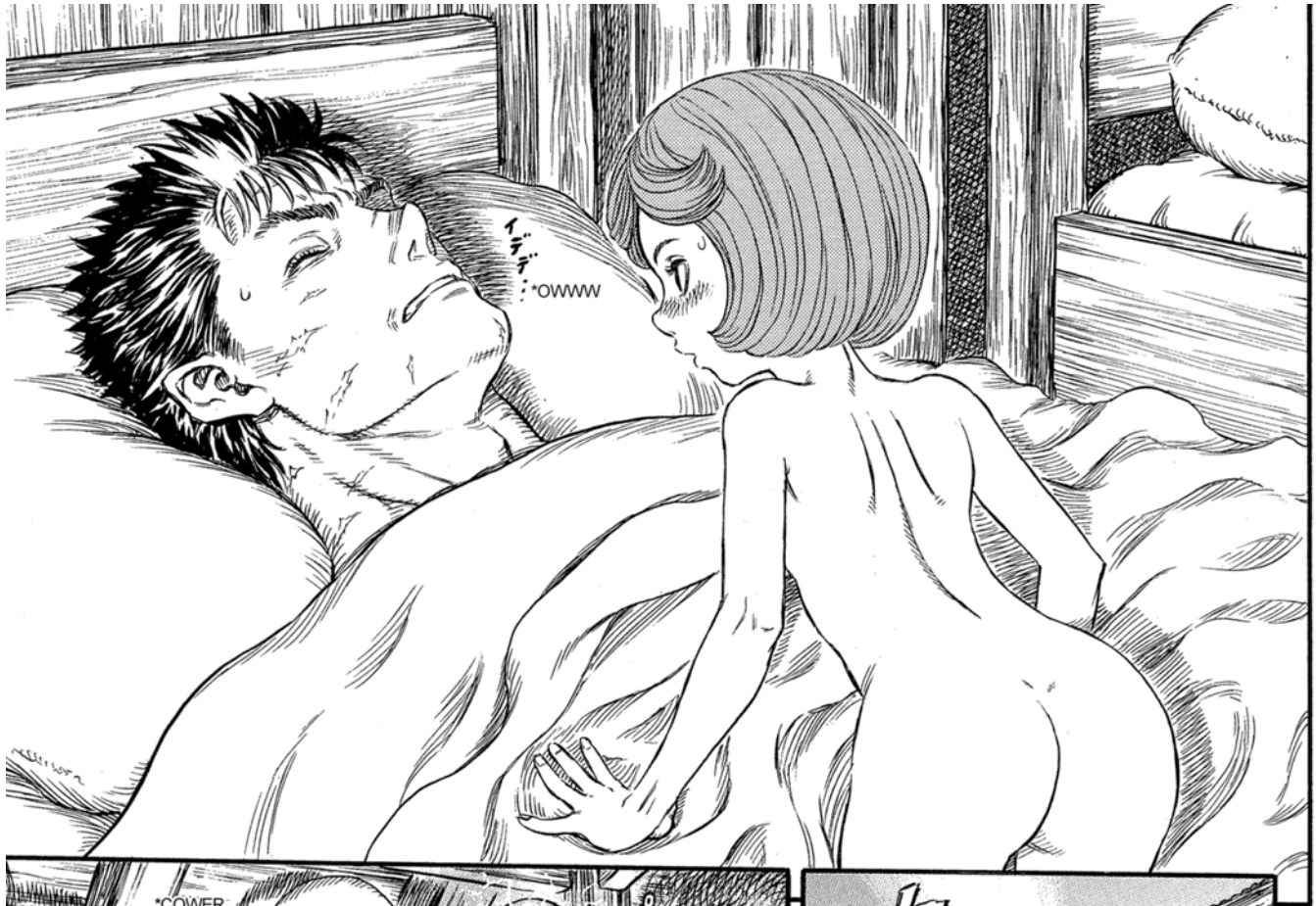
GASCA!

H... HEY...!

WHAT'D I JUST FEEL?!

*TOTTER





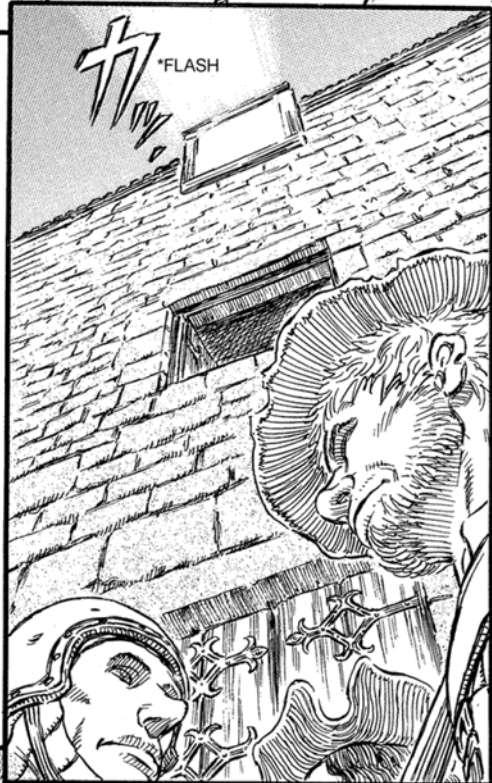
*FX: SHUDDER

*FX: SMOLDER

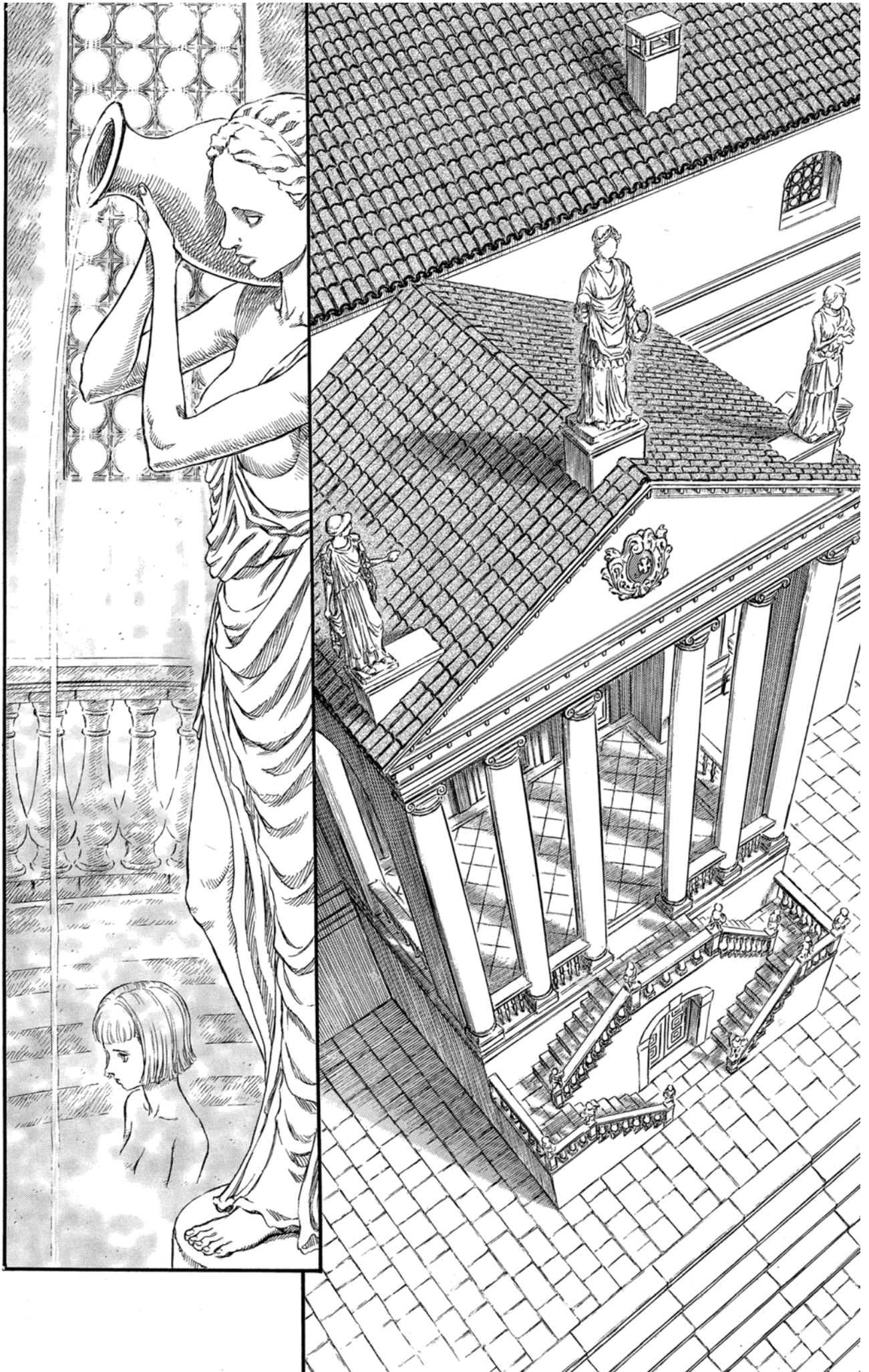


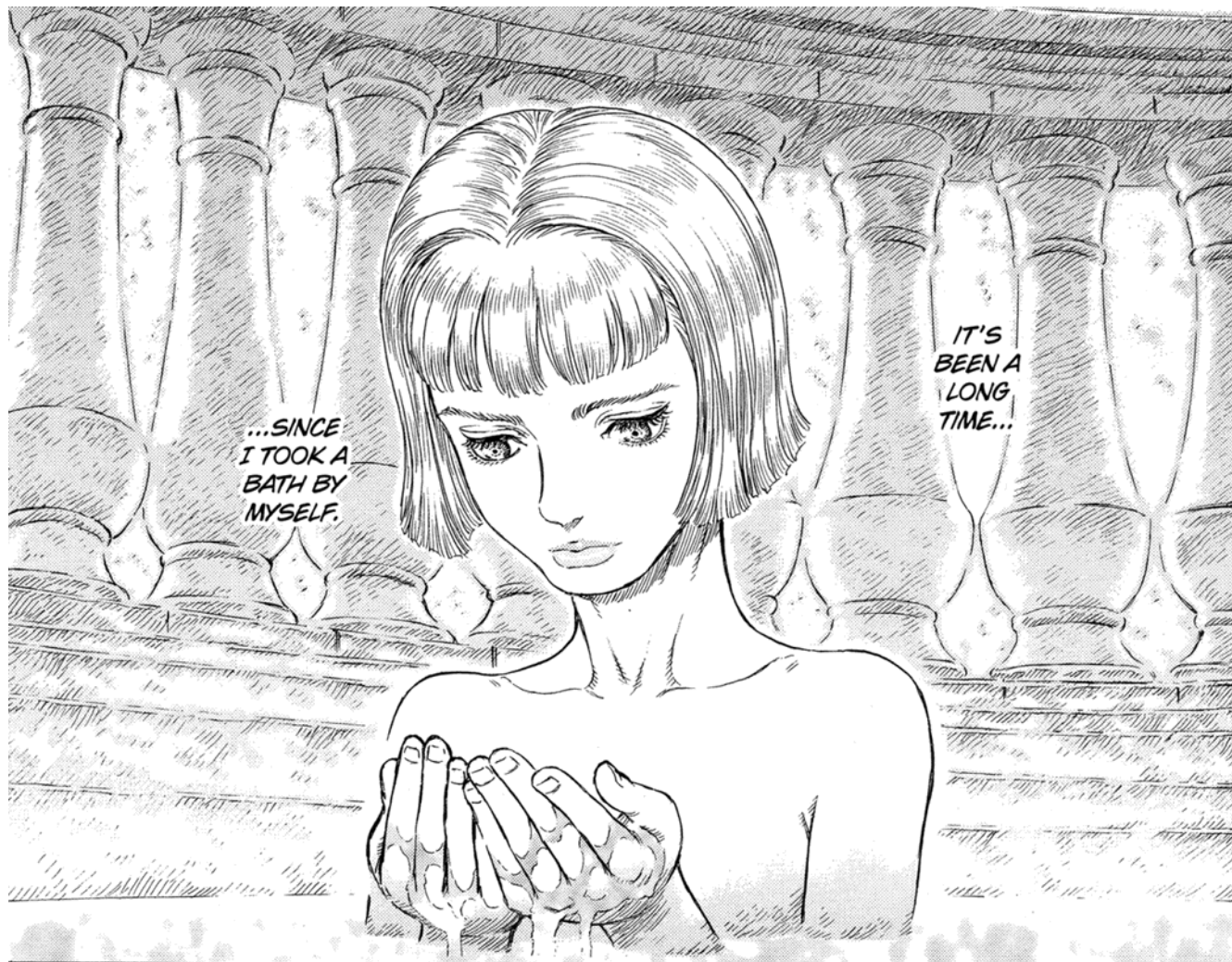
PLEASE
DON'T
REMEMBER
THIS!

*UWEHHH...



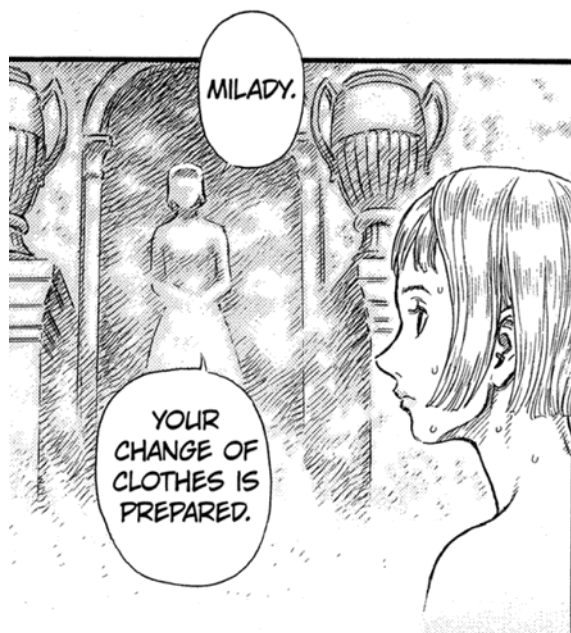
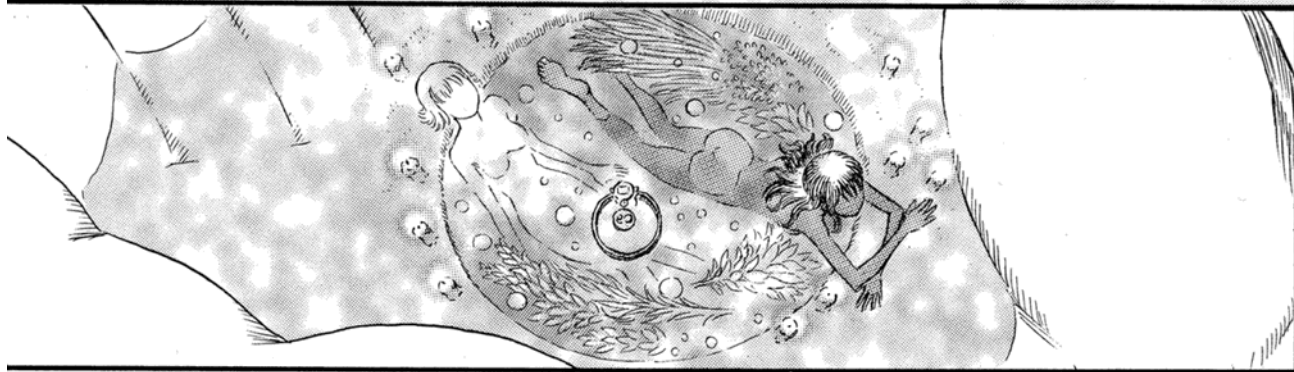
THEY'RE
TAKIN' SO
LONG.





...SINCE
I TOOK A
BATH BY
MYSELF.

IT'S
BEEN A
LONG
TIME...



MILADY.

YOUR
CHANGE OF
CLOTHES IS
PREPARED.

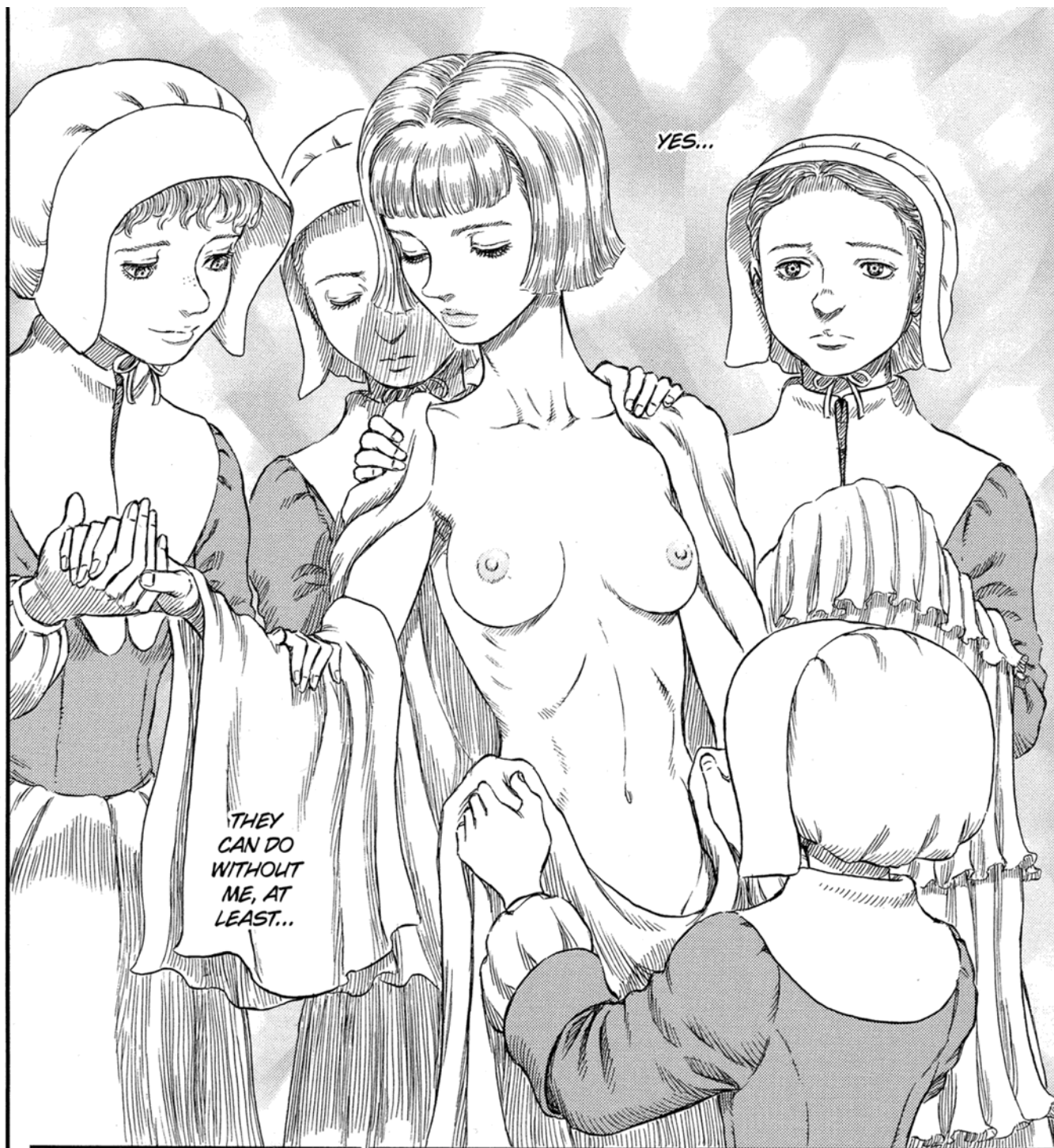


CASCA...

I WONDER
IF HER
HAIR'S
BEING
WASHED
PROPERLY...



ハッ
フヤ
*PLASH



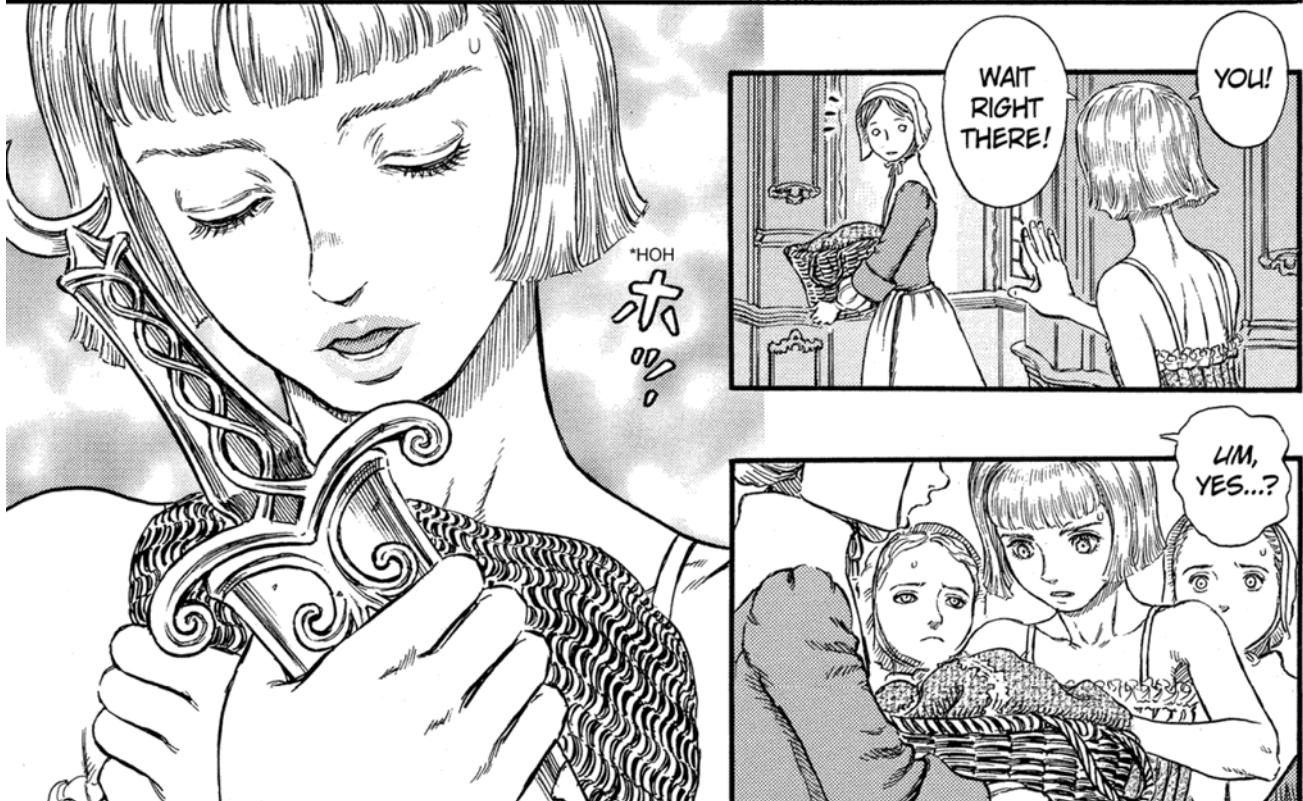
THEY WERE DAMAGED, SO WE THOUGHT WE WOULD DISPOSE OF THEM...



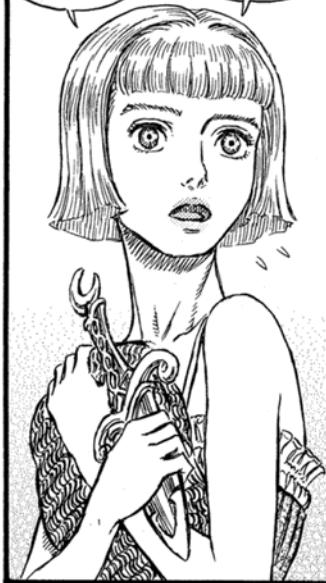
WHERE ARE MY DAGGER AND SHIRT...?



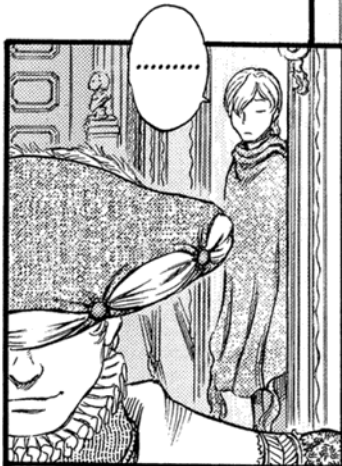
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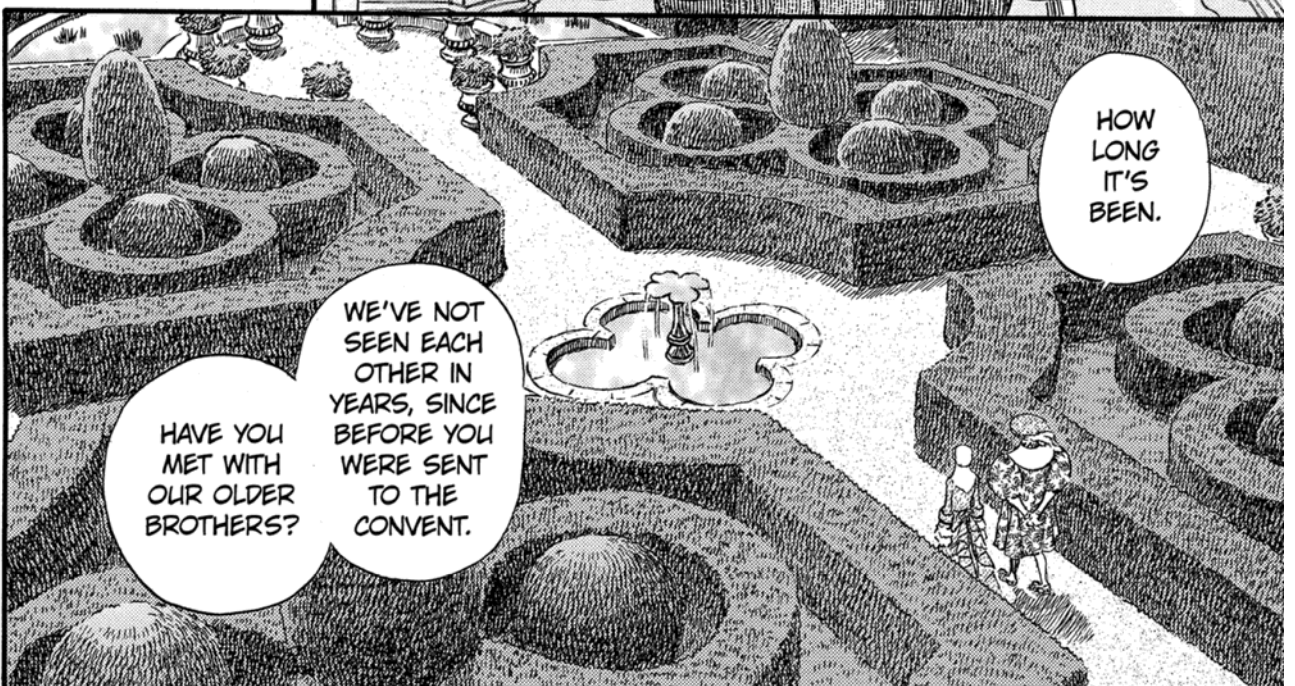
BROTHER. *MANIFICO...*



YOUR
BEHAVIOR
IS AS UNPREC-
EDENTED
AS EVER,
LITTLE
SISTER.



NO
WONDER
FATHER'S
AMAZED.



HOW
LONG
IT'S
BEEN.

WE'VE NOT
SEEN EACH
OTHER IN
YEARS, SINCE
BEFORE YOU
WERE SENT
TO THE
CONVENT.

HAVE YOU
MET WITH
OUR OLDER
BROTHERS?



NATURALLY!

NO...

THE
VANDIMIONS
AREN'T
VERY
TIGHTLY
KNIT.

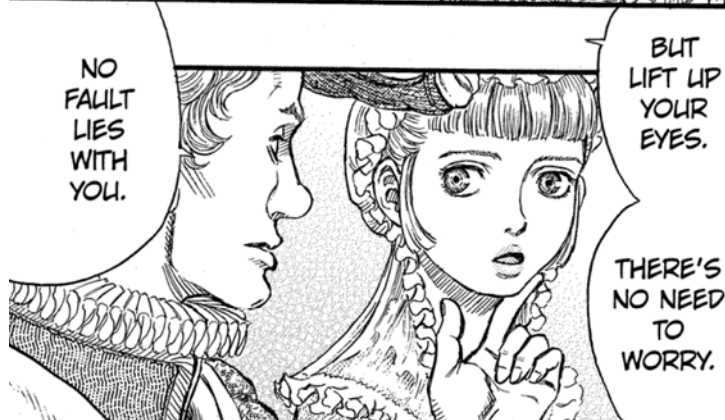
HA
HA
HA

YOUR WORK
WITH THE HOLY
IRON CHAIN
KNIGHTS,
AND THE
UNFORTUNATE
TROUBLES
THAT
FOLLOWED.

BUT MUCH
REGARDING
YOU HAS
REACHED MY
EARS.



A
PITY,
THAT.



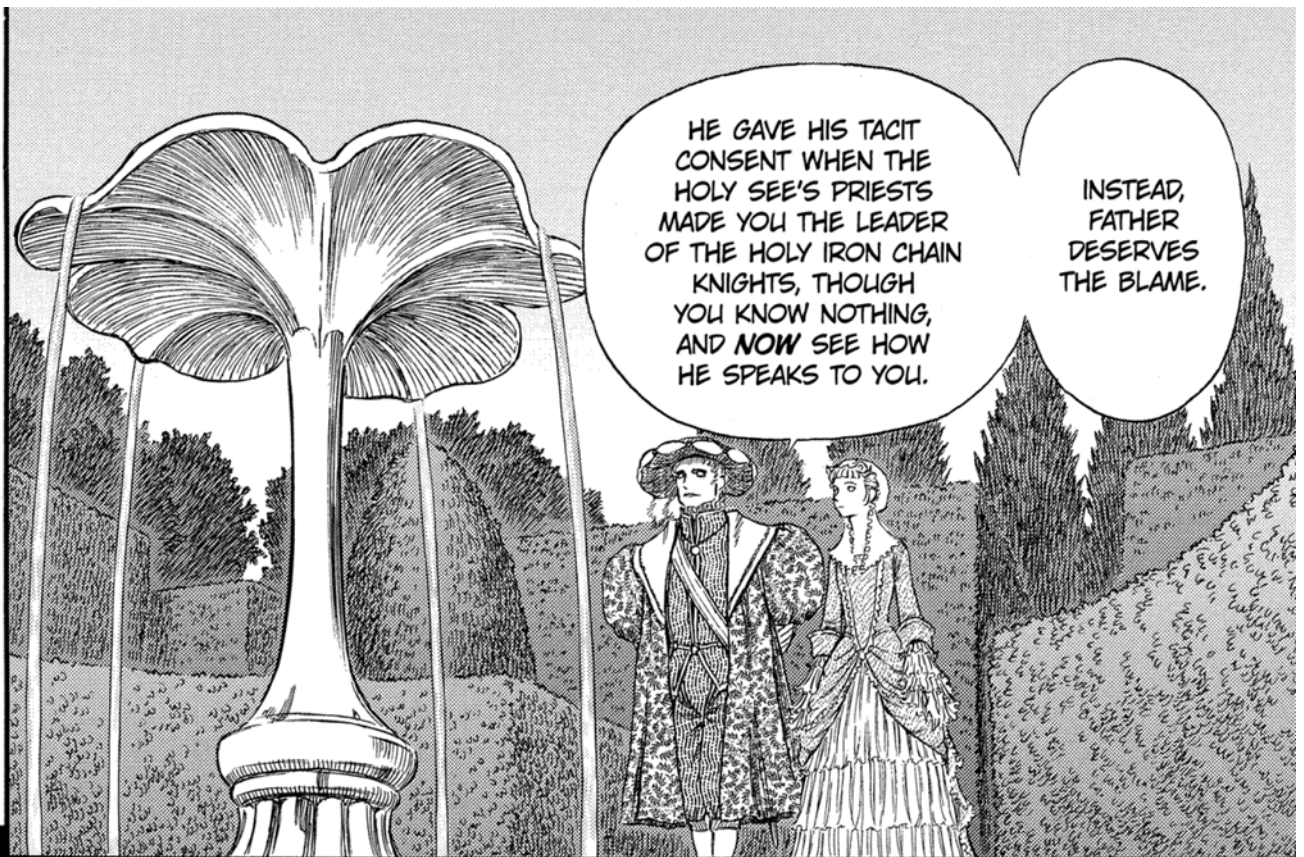
NO
FAULT
LIES
WITH
YOU.

BUT
LIFT UP
YOUR
EYES.

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO
WORRY.

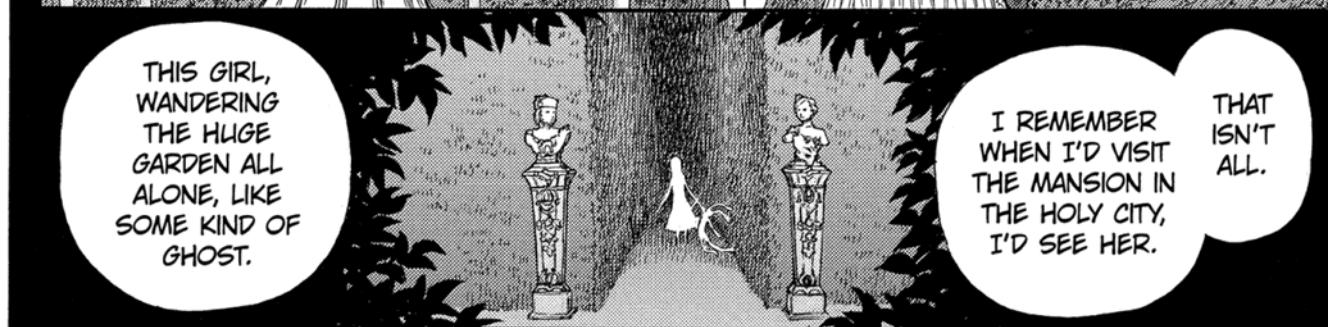


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HE GAVE HIS TACIT
CONSENT WHEN THE
HOLY SEE'S PRIESTS
MADE YOU THE LEADER
OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN
KNIGHTS, THOUGH
YOU KNOW NOTHING,
AND **NOW** SEE HOW
HE SPEAKS TO YOU.

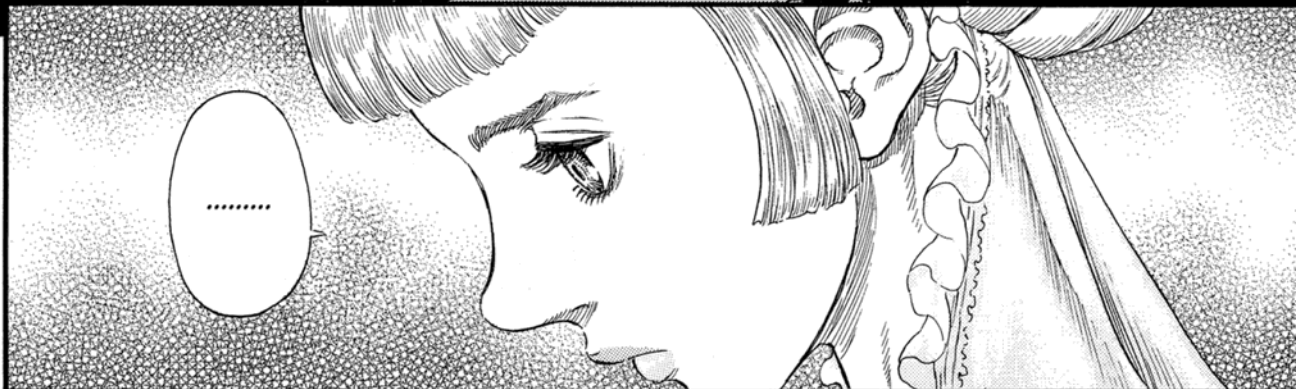
INSTEAD,
FATHER
DESERVES
THE BLAME.



THIS GIRL,
WANDERING
THE HUGE
GARDEN ALL
ALONE, LIKE
SOME KIND OF
GHOST.

I REMEMBER
WHEN I'D VISIT
THE MANSION IN
THE HOLY CITY,
I'D SEE HER.

THAT
ISN'T
ALL.

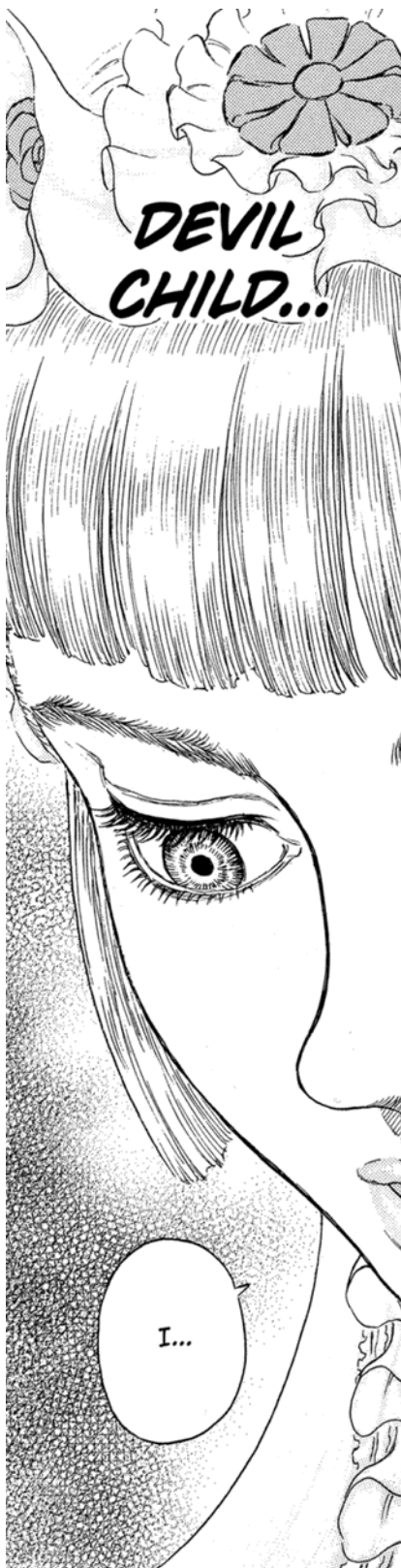




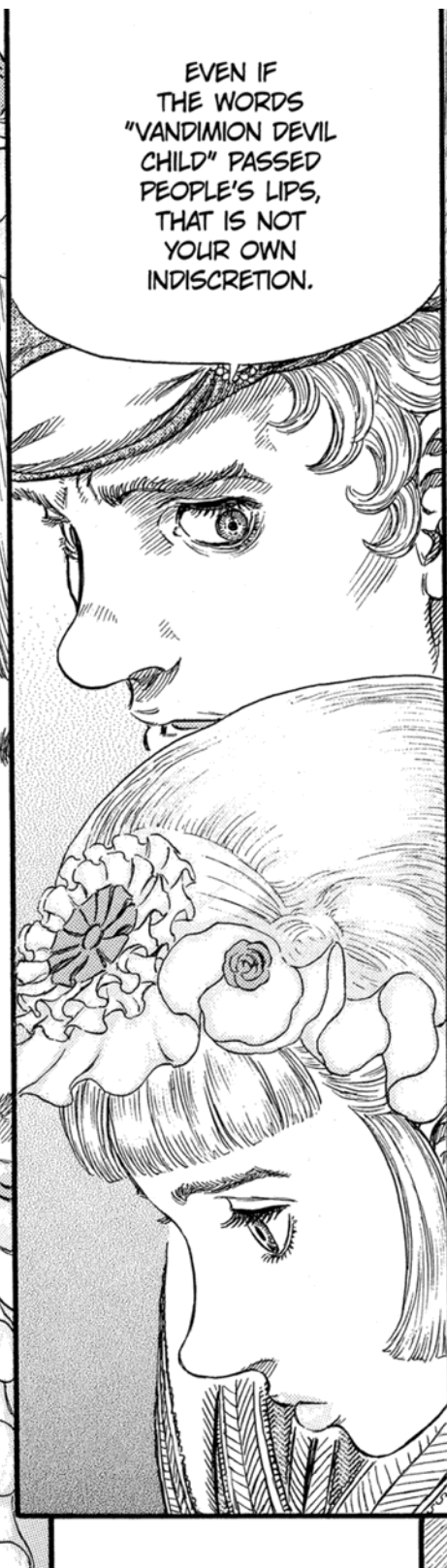
THAT'S HARDLY
WHAT THAT WAS.
HE JUST AIMLESSLY
LEFT YOU TO
YOURSELF.

HE DID
NOTHING SHORT
OF ABANDONING
HIS RESPONSIBILITIES
AS A PARENT.

WAS HE
RAISING A PURE
FLOWER IN A
GREENHOUSE TO
PROTECT IT FROM
THE UNCLEANNES-
S OF THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD...?



**DEVIL
CHILD...**



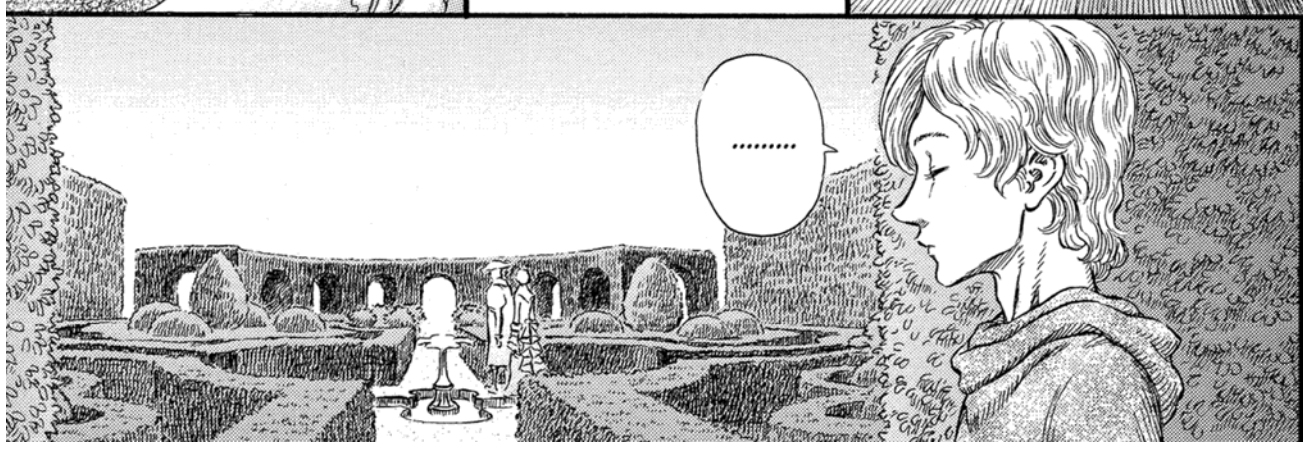
EVEN IF
THE WORDS
"VANDIMION DEVIL
CHILD" PASSED
PEOPLE'S LIPS,
THAT IS NOT
YOUR OWN
INDISCRETION.

I...

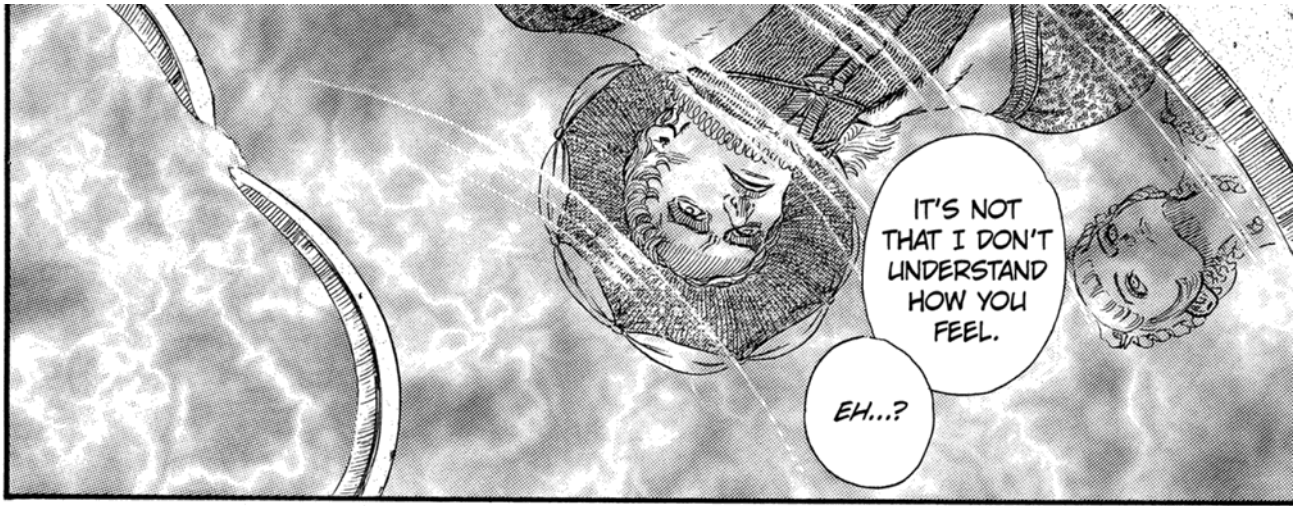


EVEN
WHEN YOU
SET FIRE
TO THE
MANSION...

...FATHER
WAS THE ONE
TO BLAME
FOR GOADING
HIS ONLY
DAUGHTER
THAT FAR.

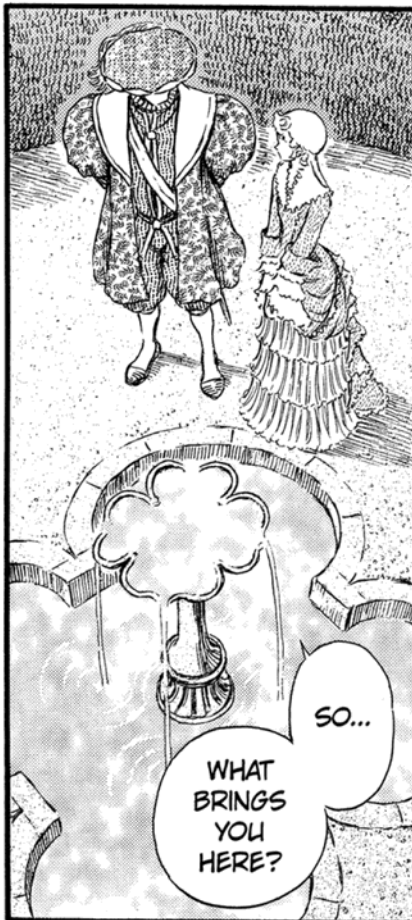


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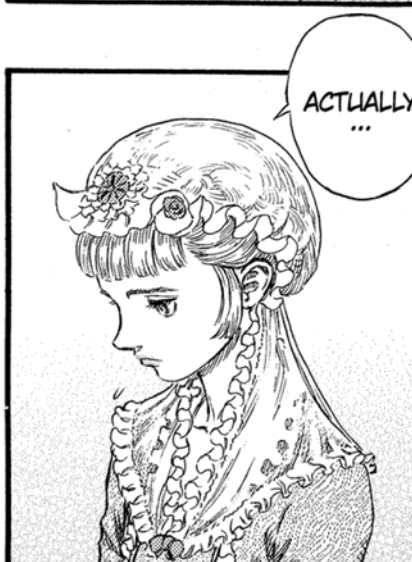
IT'S NOT
THAT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU
FEEL.

EH...?

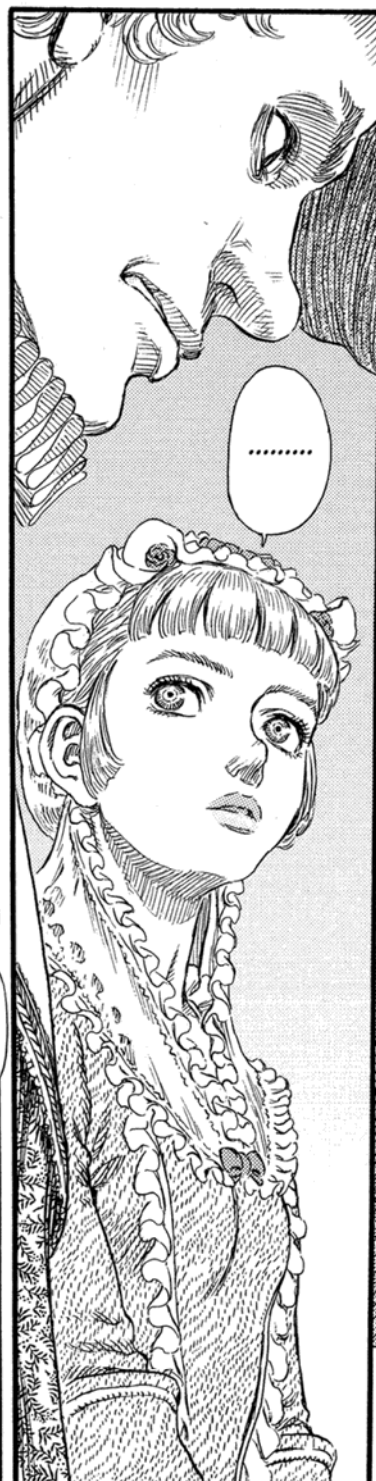


WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?

SO...



ACTUALLY
...



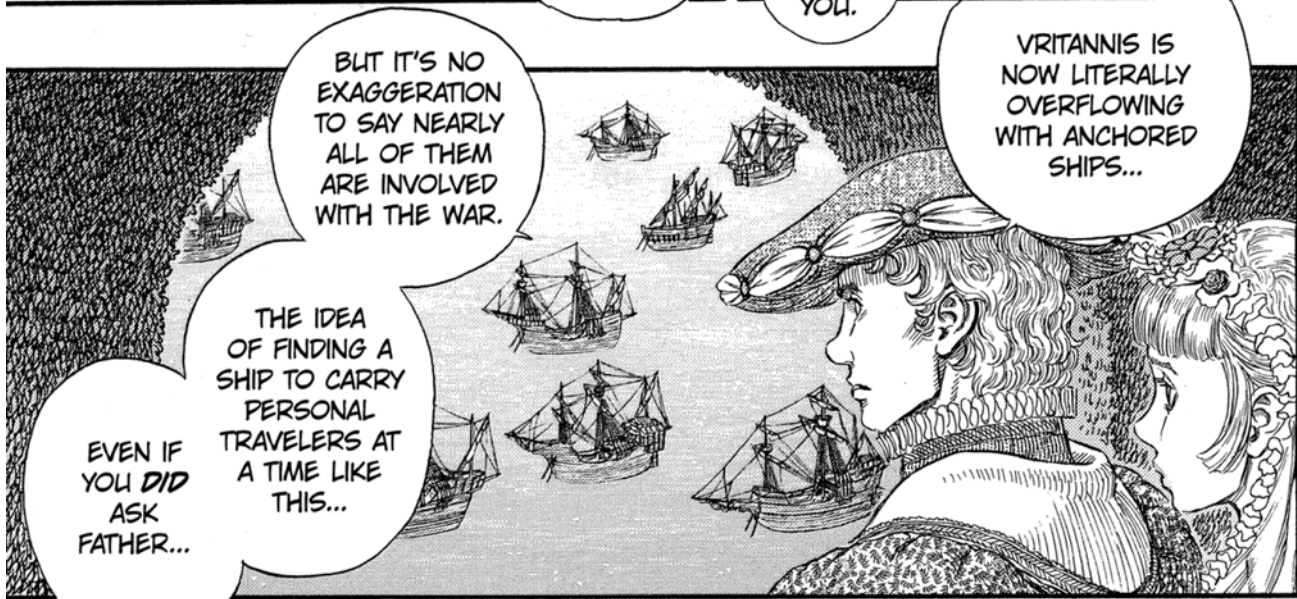
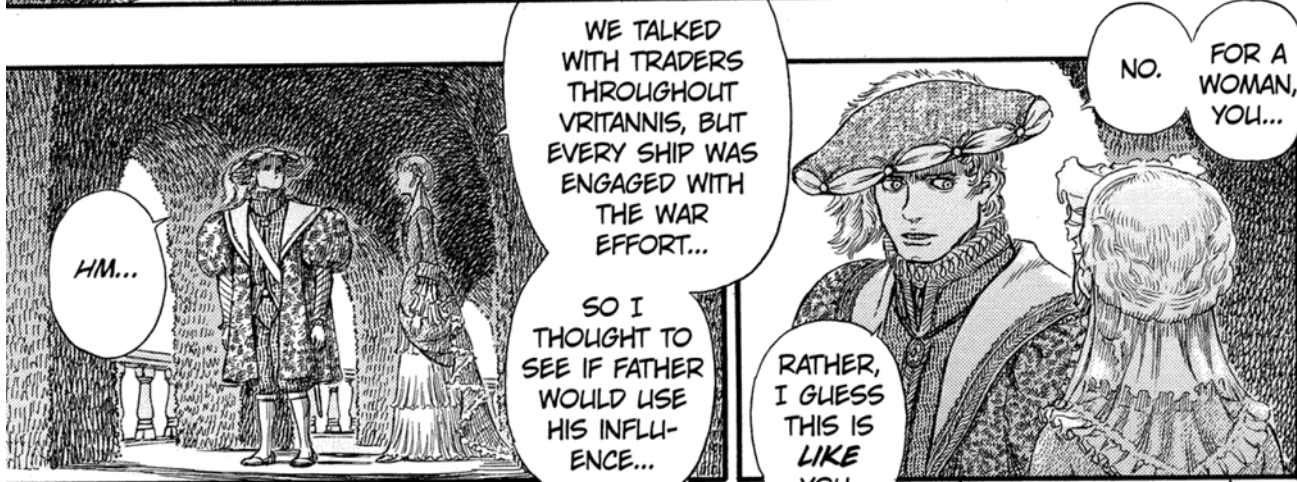
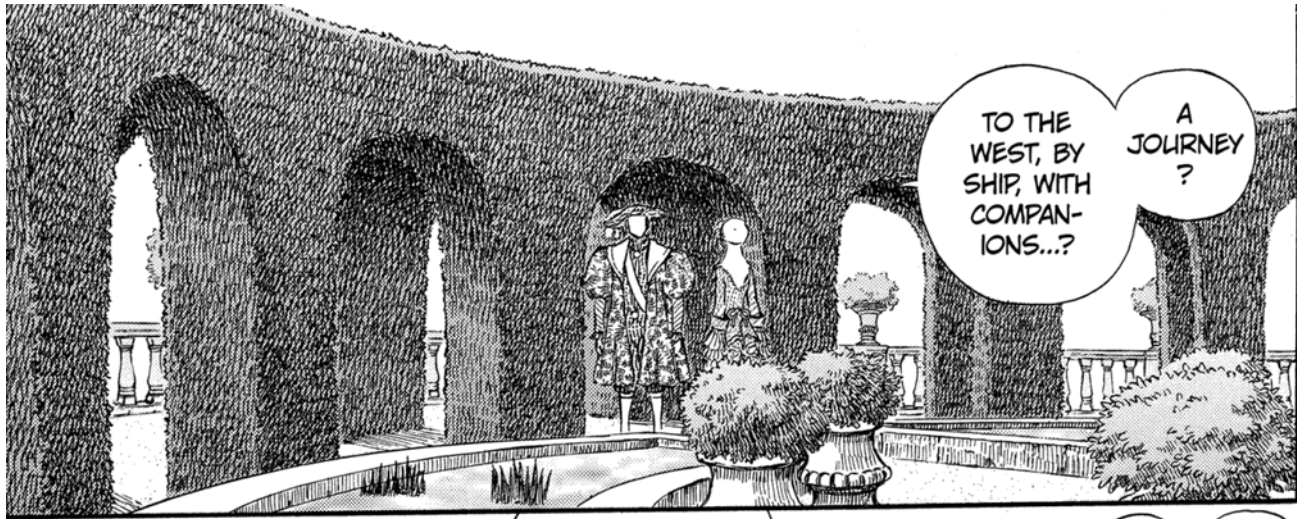
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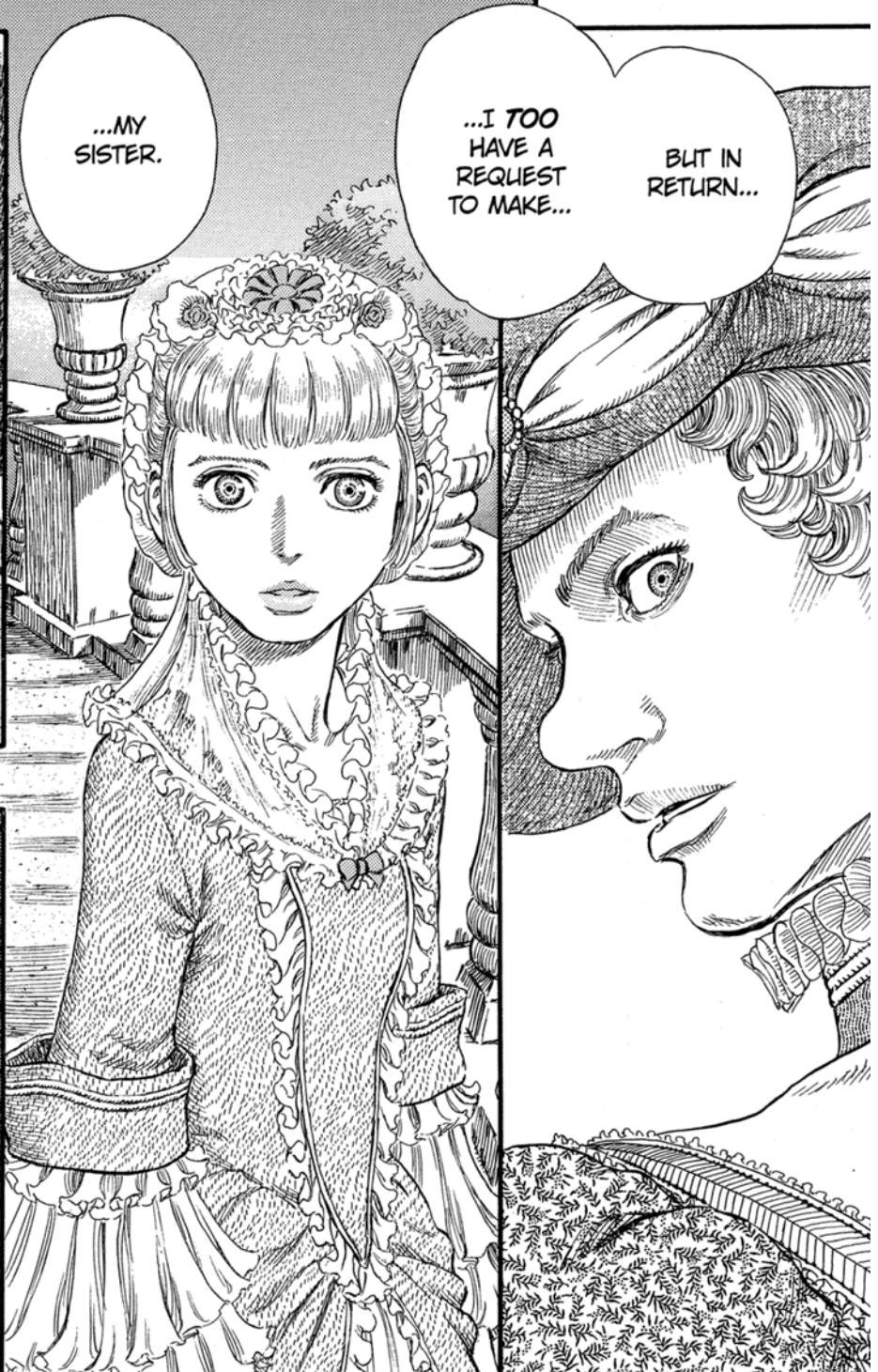
INFERIOR
PRODUCTS
THAT DON'T
MEET HIS
APPROVAL ARE
CAST OFF
WITHOUT
HESITATION OR
ANY SHOW OF
CONCERN!

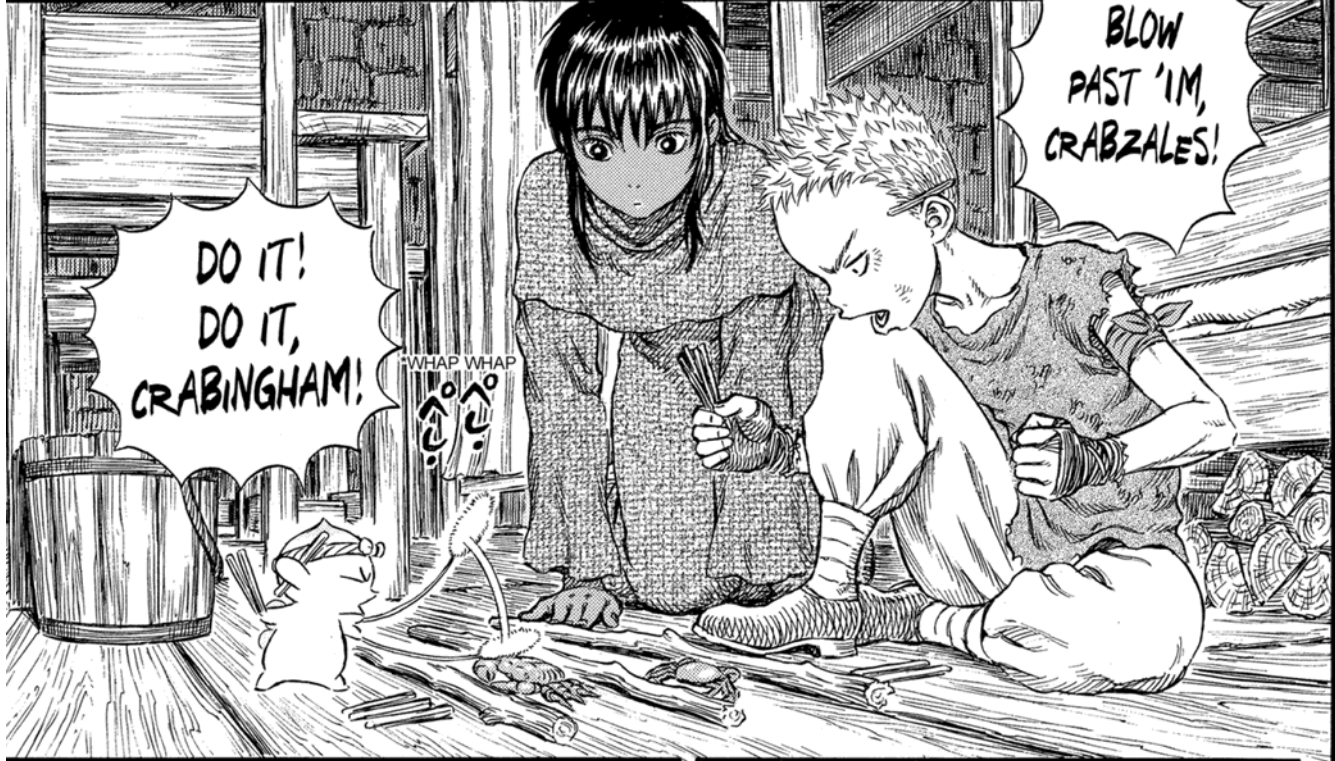
THAT
BASTARD
THINKS OF
HIS FAMILY AS
NOTHING MORE
THAN COGS
IN THE GIANT
MACHINE
CALLED
VANDIMION!

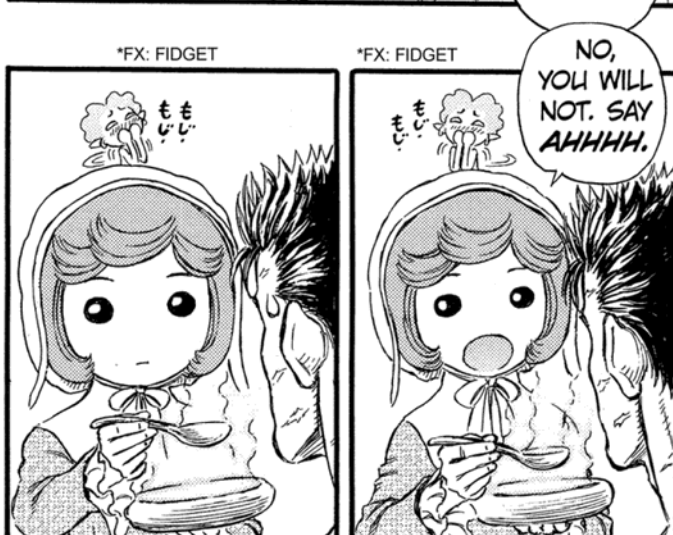
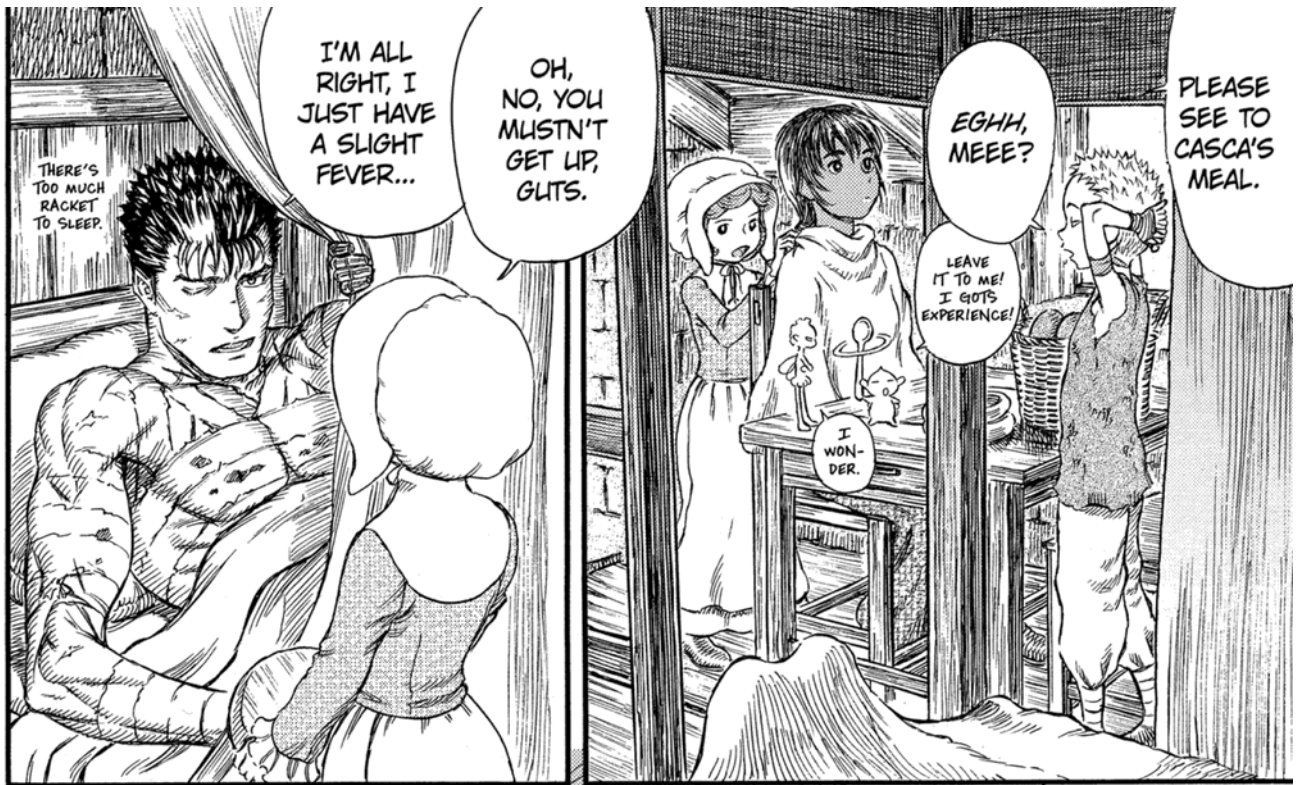


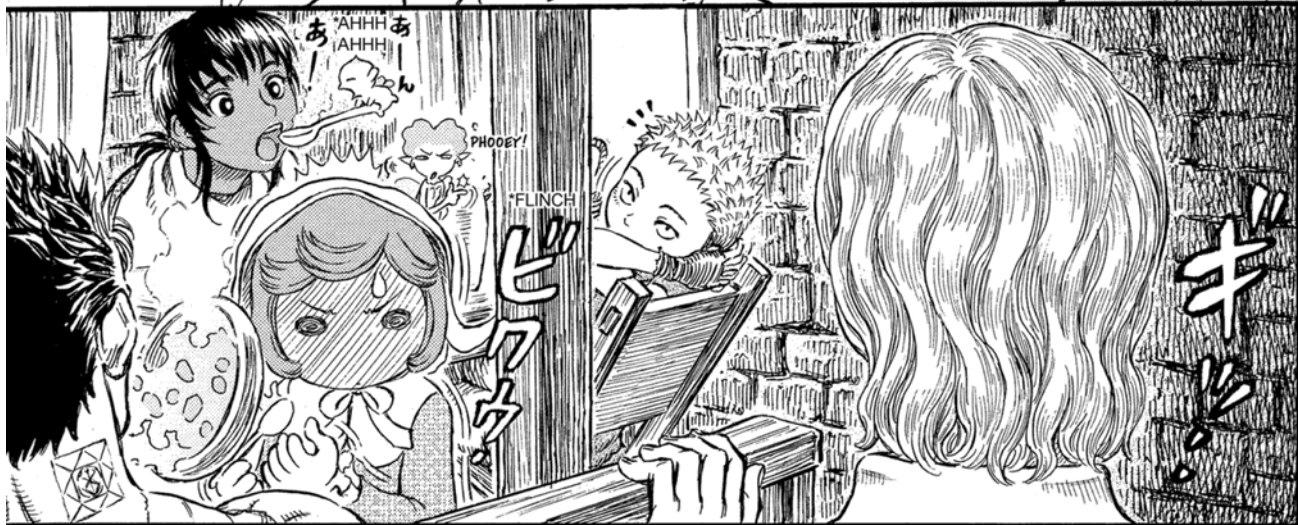
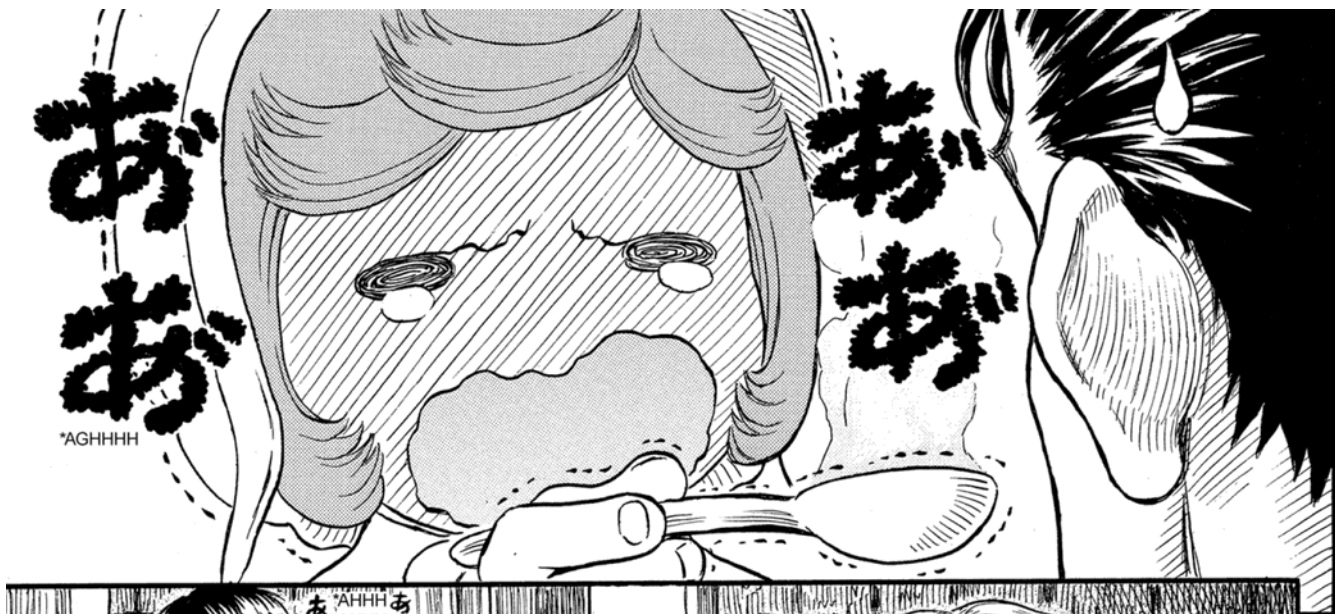
JUST AS IF
THEY WERE
STONES
BY THE
WAYSIDE....!

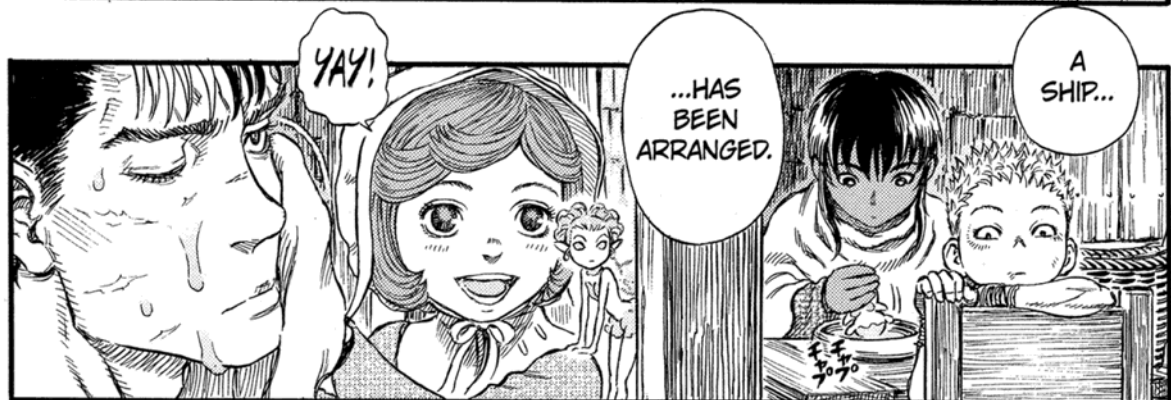


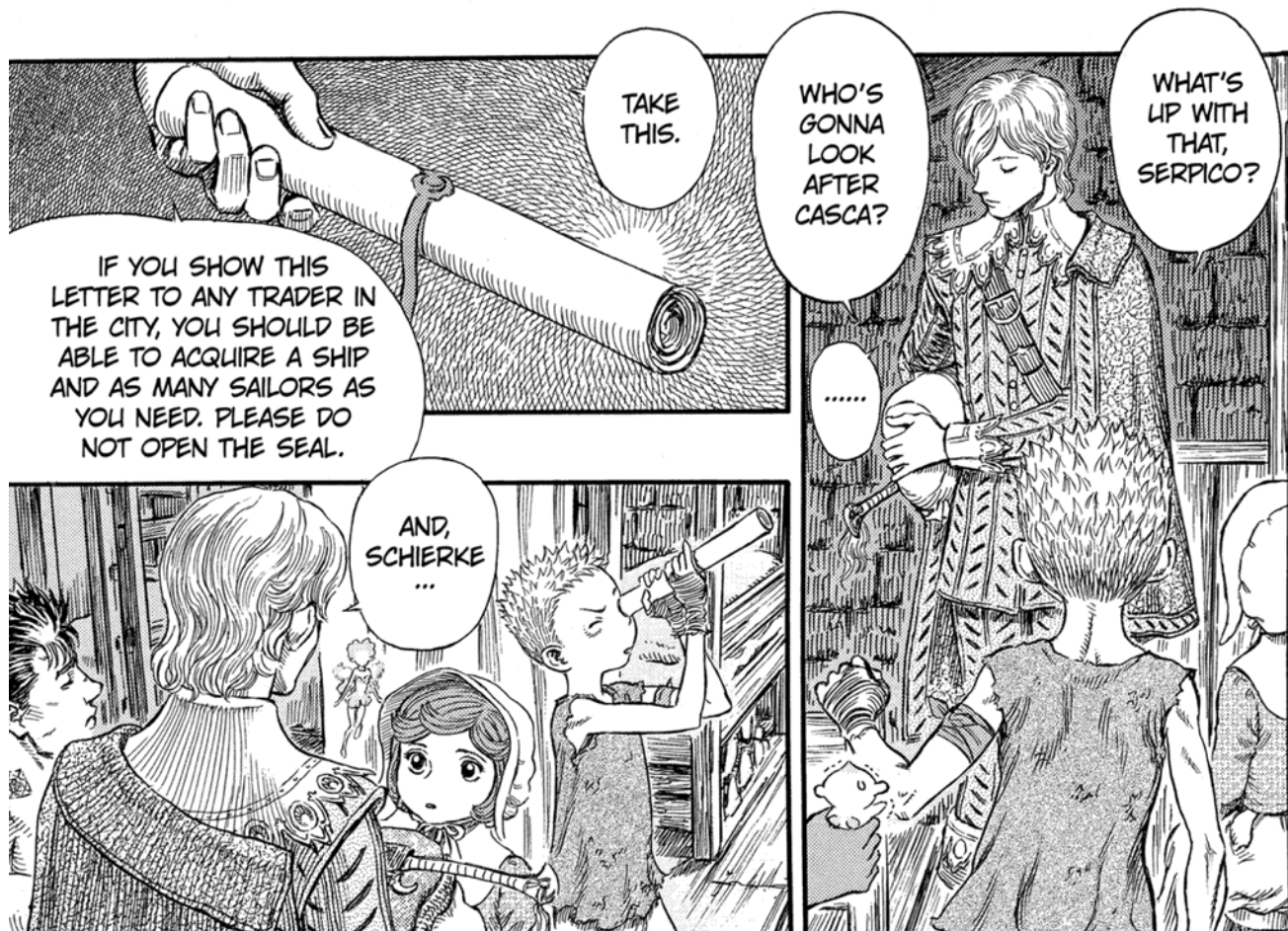
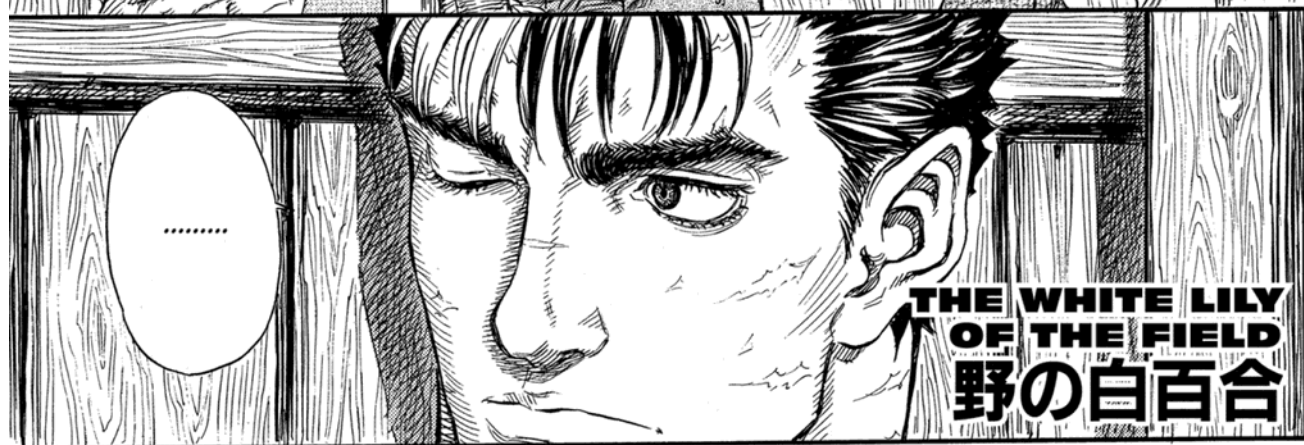
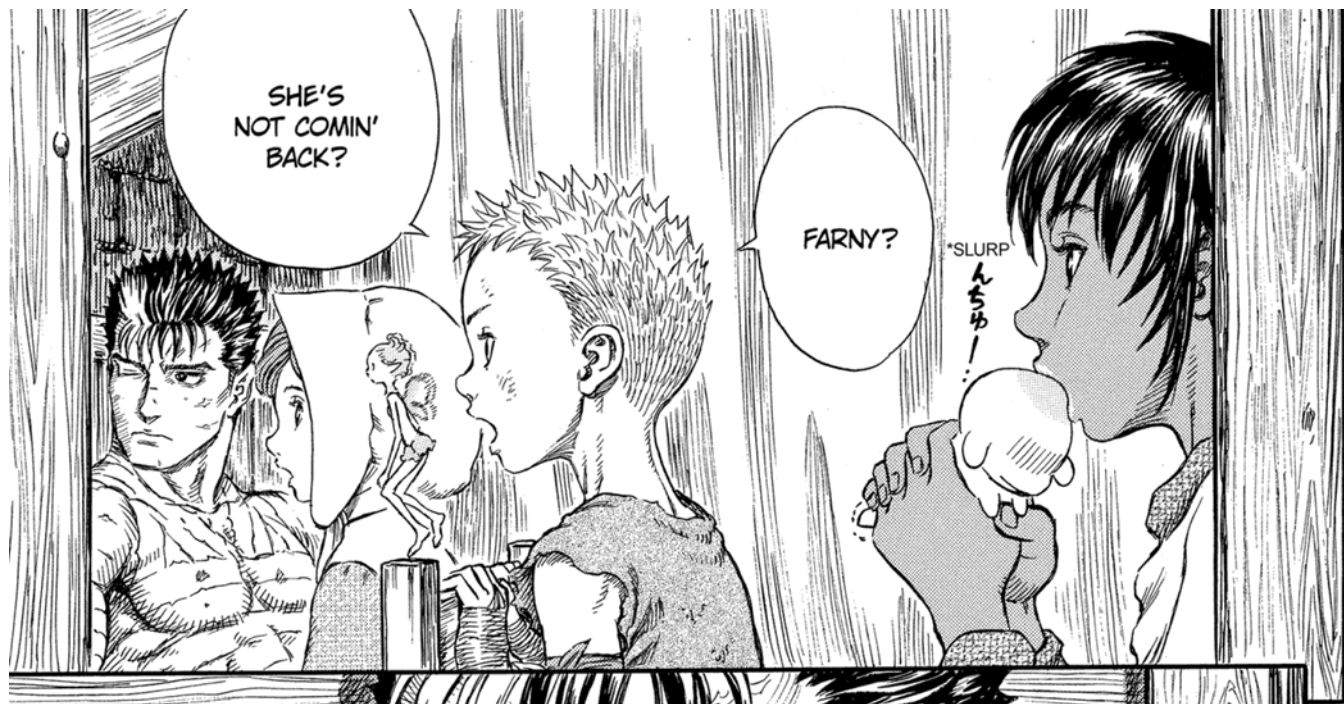


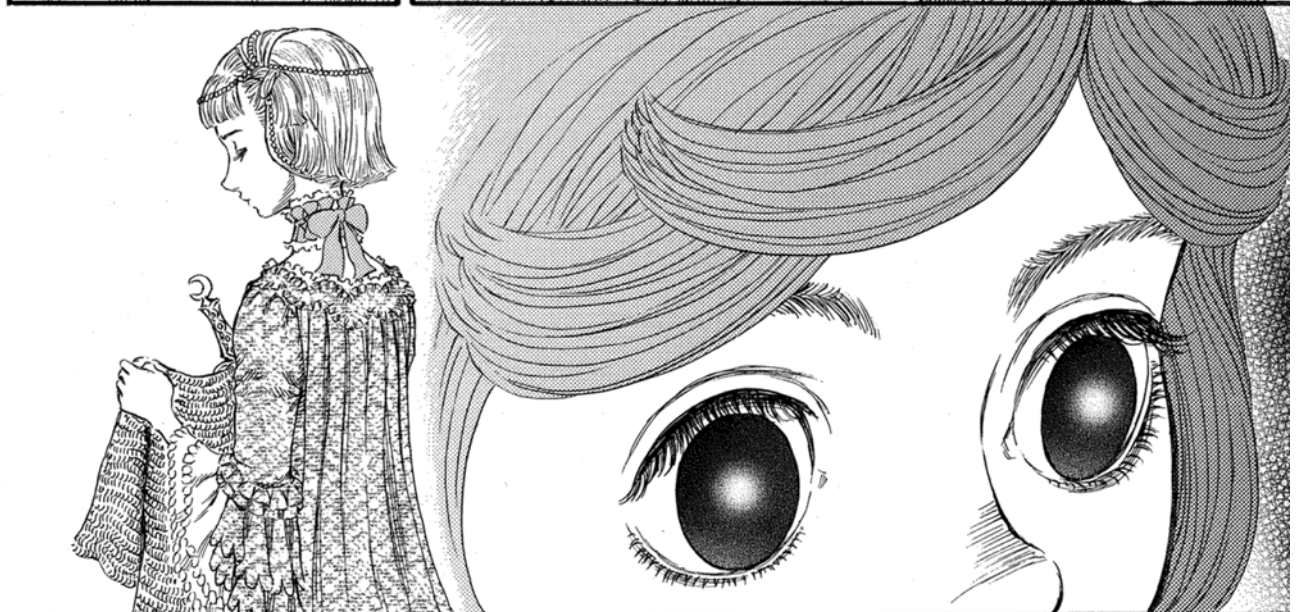
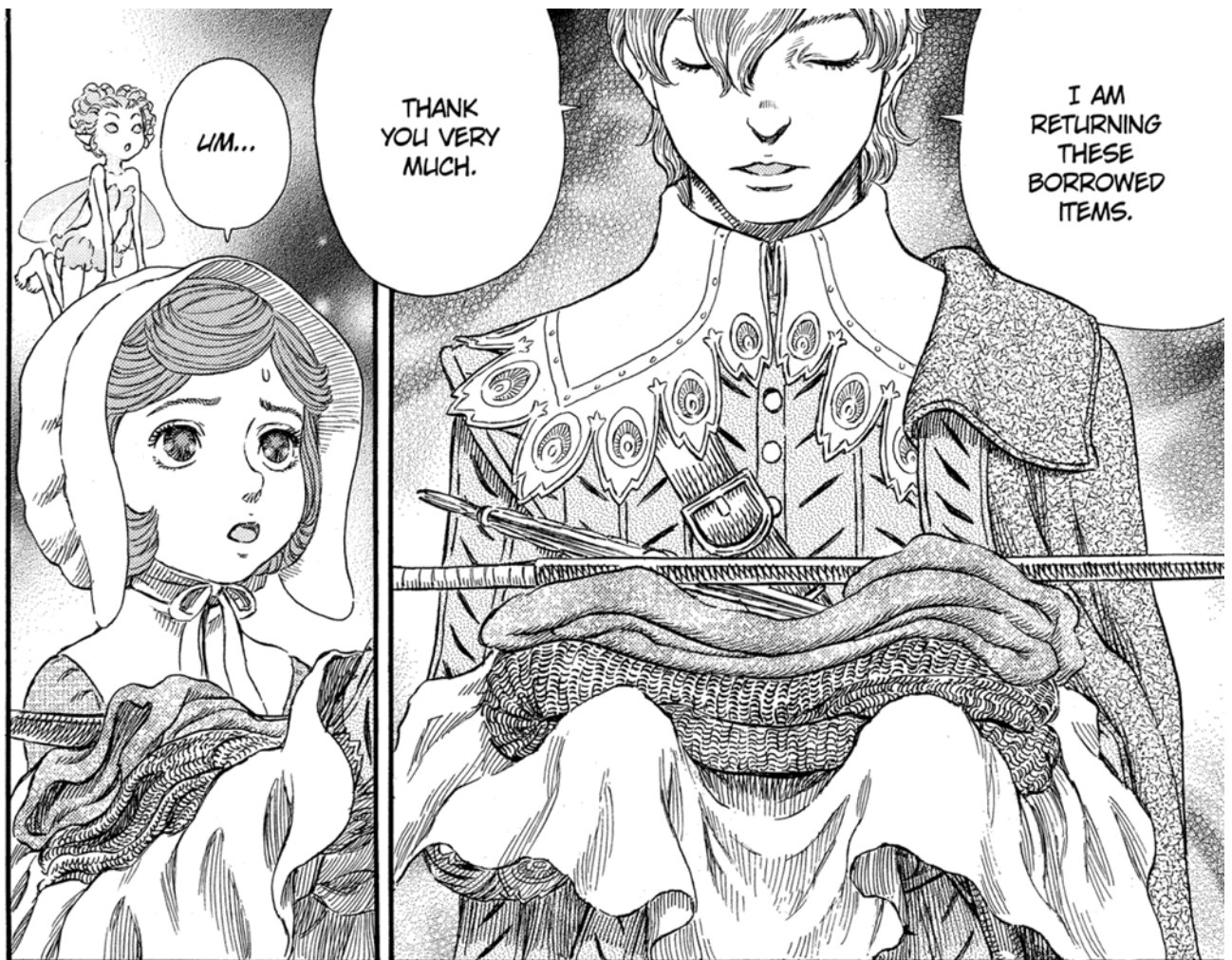








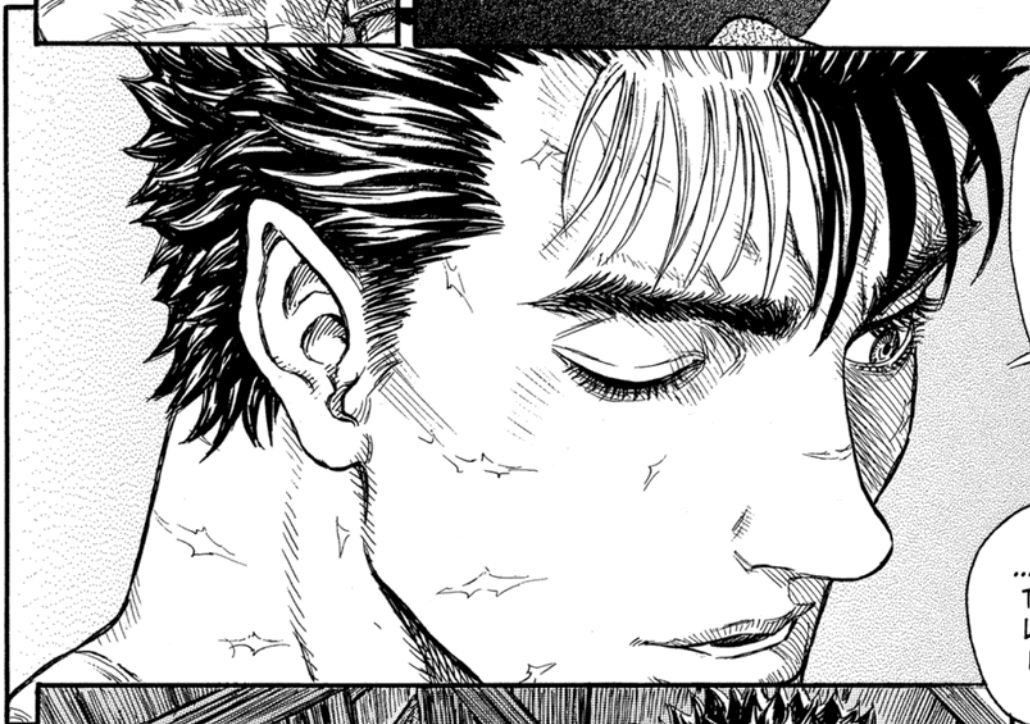


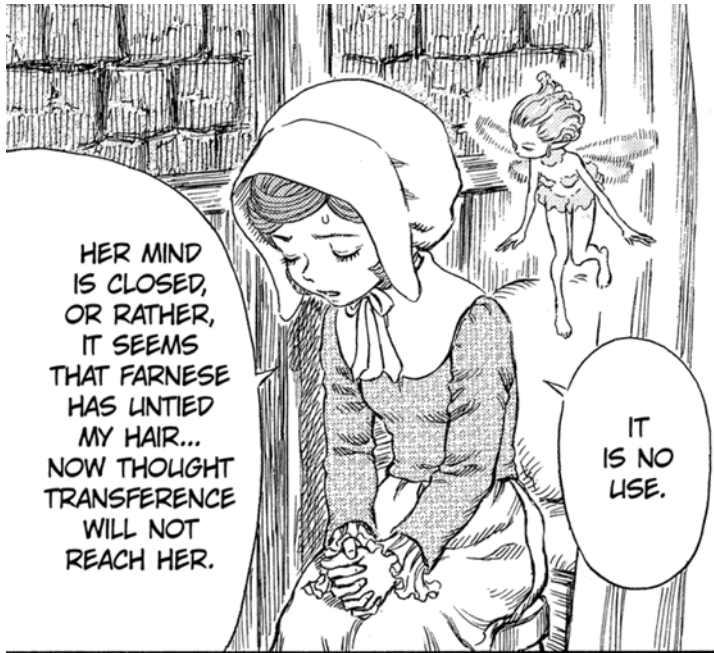


IT AMOUNTS TO LITTLE, BUT OUR VANDIMION BANK SHALL SHOULDERS THE BURDEN OF ANY AND ALL EXPENDITURES YOUR GROUP INCURS WHILE IN THIS CITY.

ON BEHALF OF THE VANDIMION FAMILY, I OFFER THE SINCEREST GRATITUDE FOR SAFELY RETURNING THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY'S DAUGHTER, FARNESE DO VANDIMION, TO THIS PLACE.



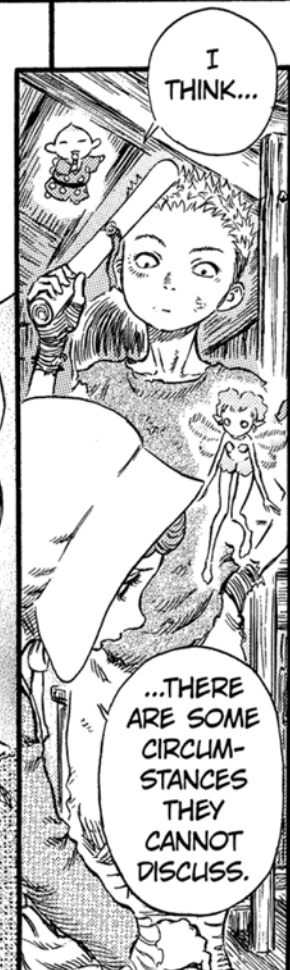


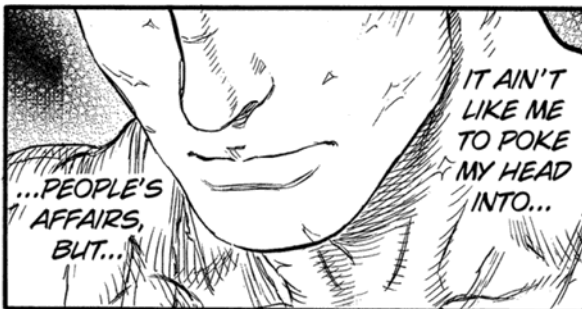
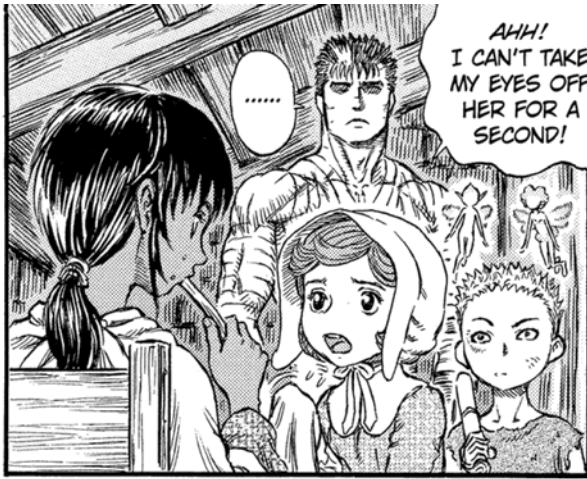


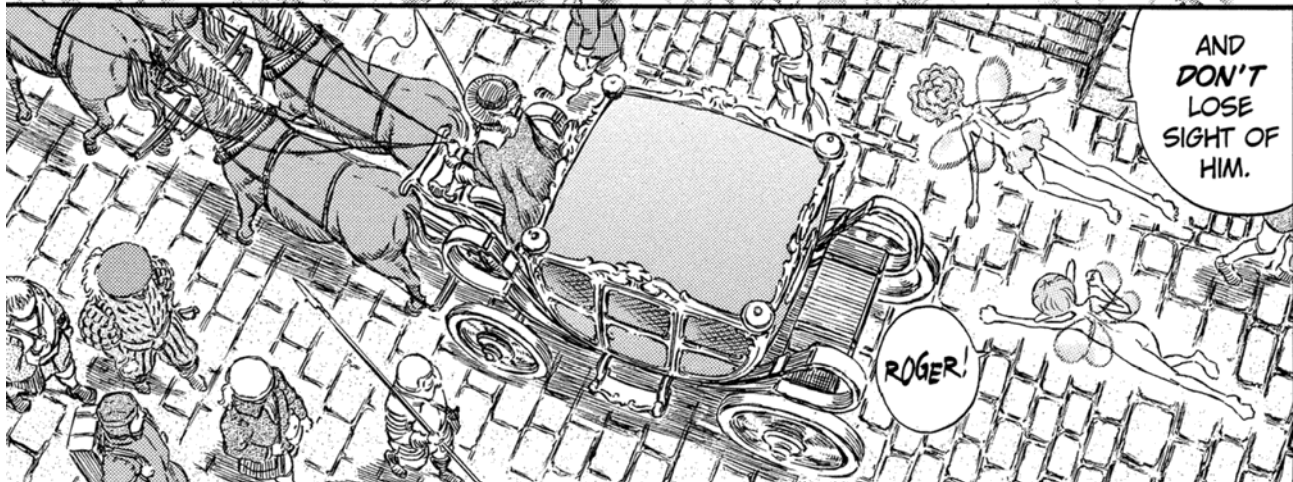
*TMP TMP

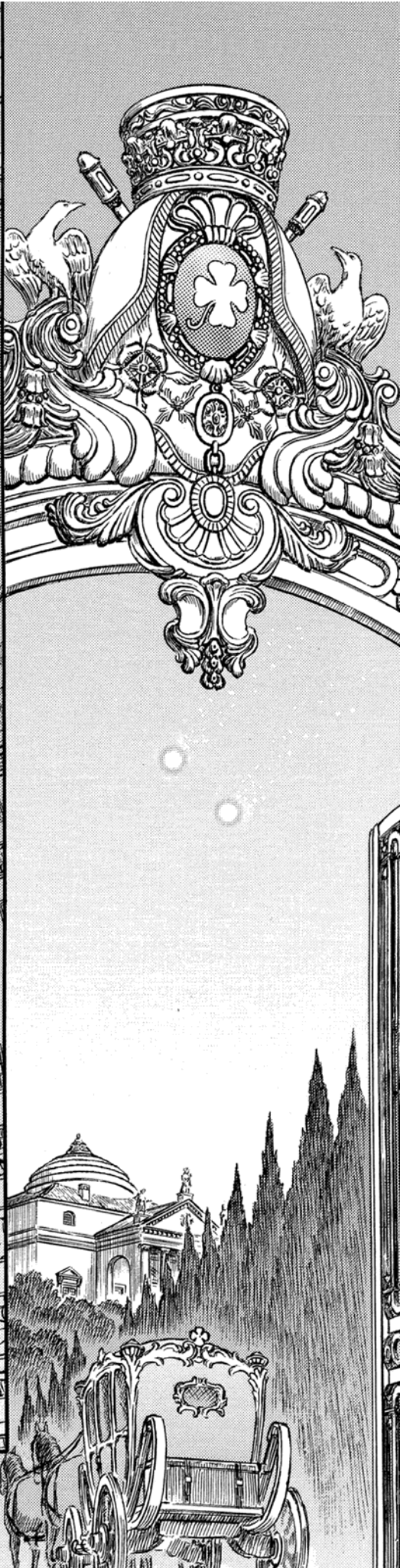
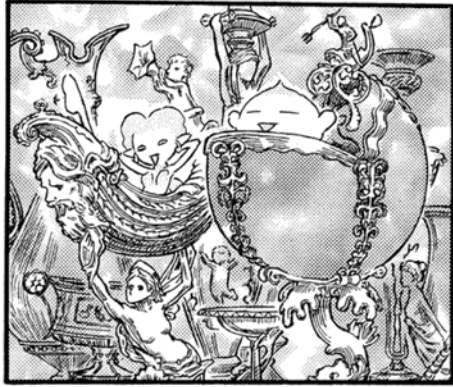
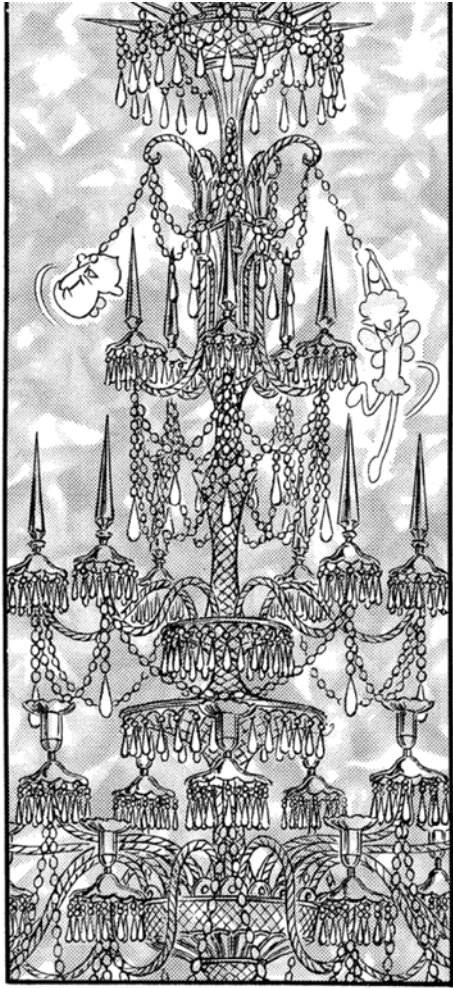


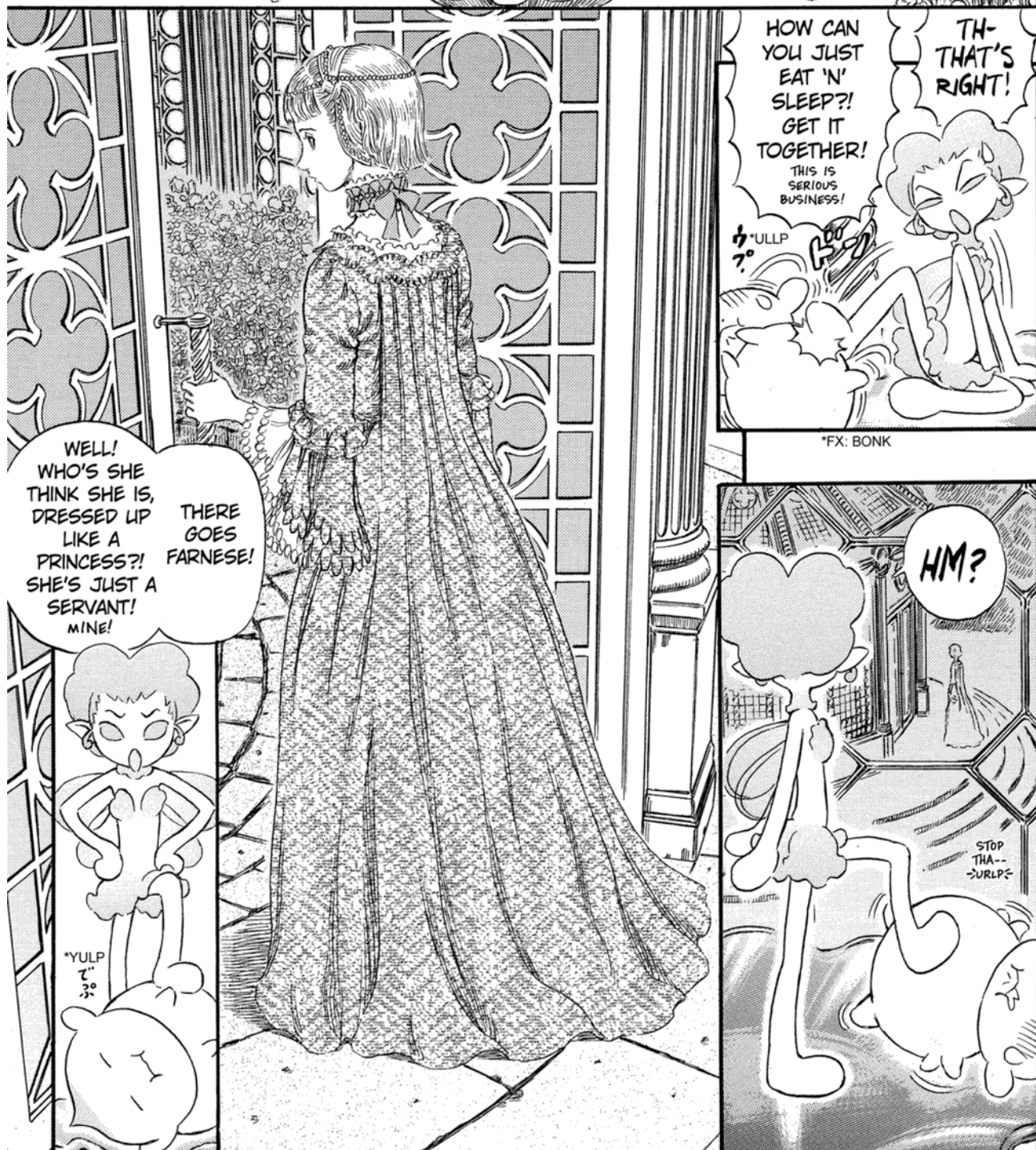
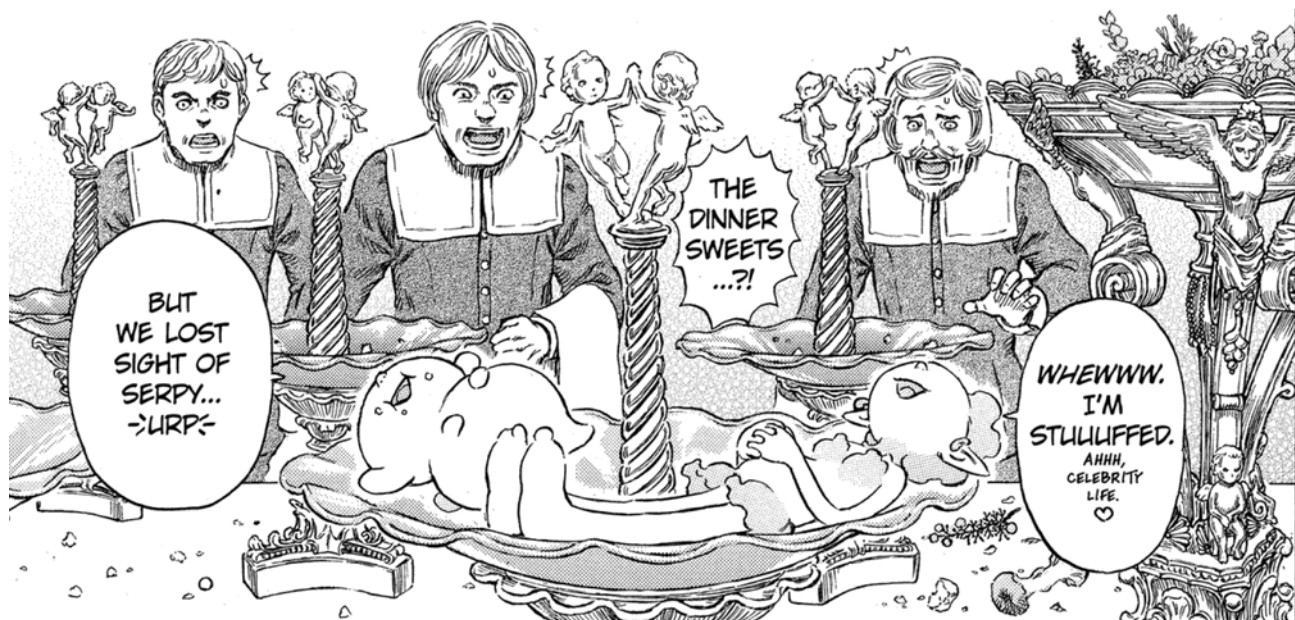
WHAT GIVES...? WE'VE ALL CHEATED DEATH TOGETHER SO MUCH, AND IN THE END IT'S A SCRAP OF PAPER AND "HAVE A NICE LIFE"? THIS'S WHY I CAN'T STAND ARISTOCRATS. BUT, AH WELL.

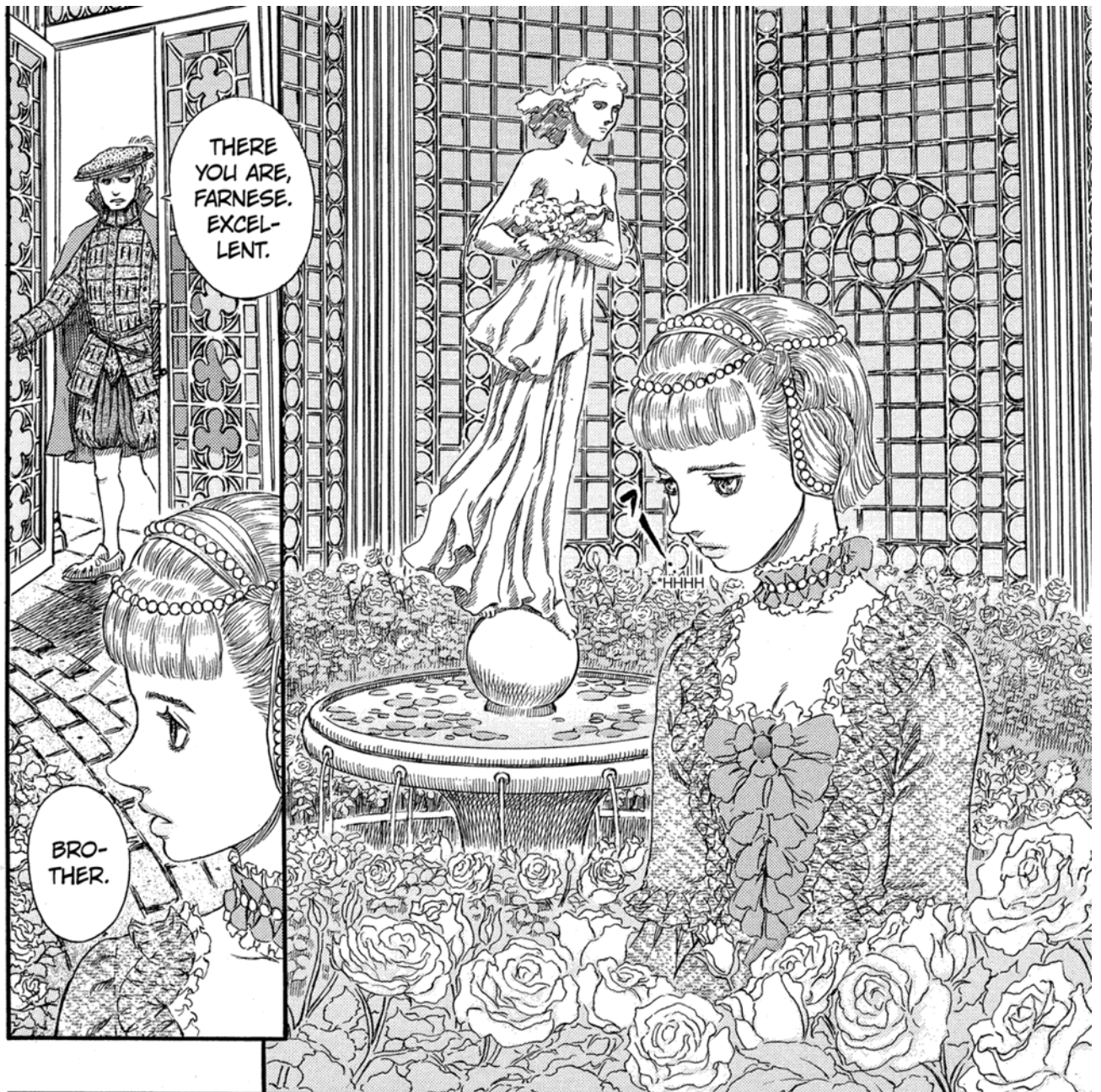










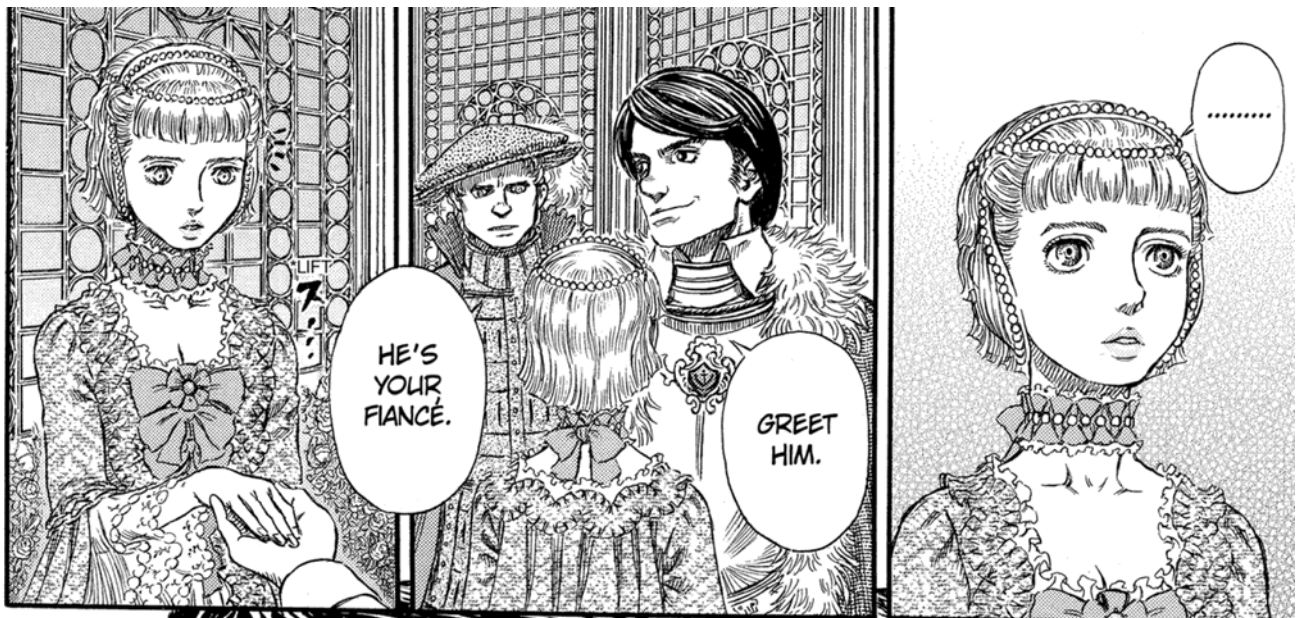




I AM
RODERICK OF
SCHTAUFFEN...

IT IS A
PLEASURE
TO MEET
YOU,
FARNESE DO
VANDIMION.

...AN
OFFICER OF
THE 11TH
NAVY.



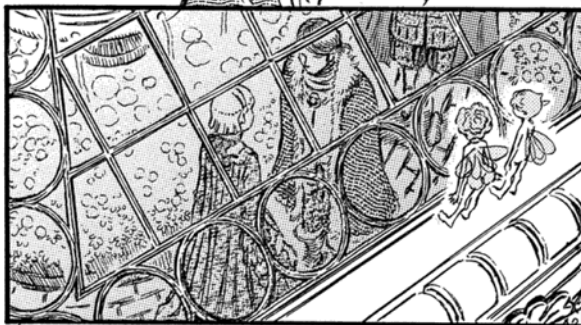
HE'S
YOUR
FIANCEE.

GREET
HIM.



...LADY
FARNESE.

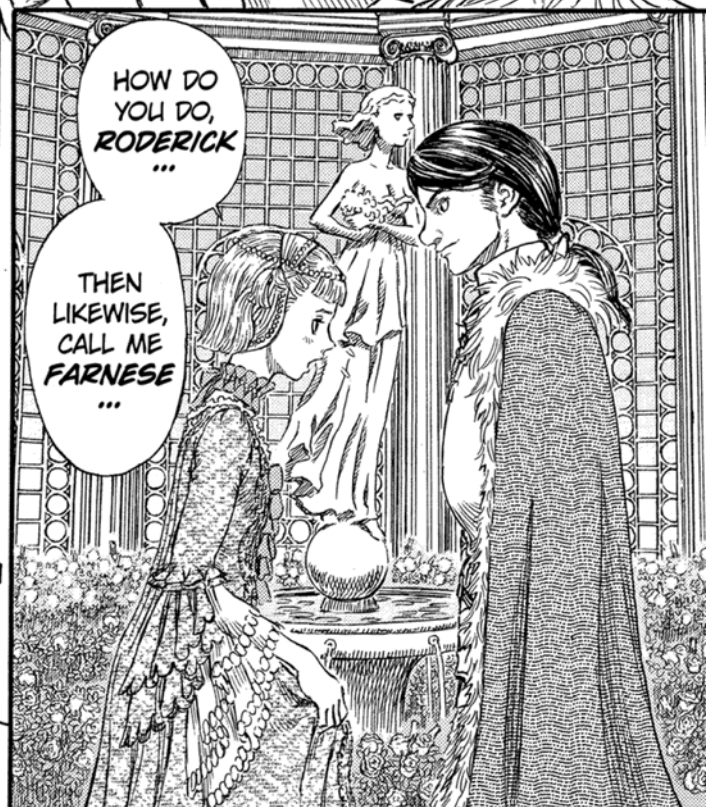
I WOULD BE
HONORED IF
YOU WOULD
CALL ME
RODERICK...



WHAT
THE HELL IS
THIS?!

WH-
WHOA
WHOA
WHOA
WHOOOA
!!

*SHAKE
SHAKE

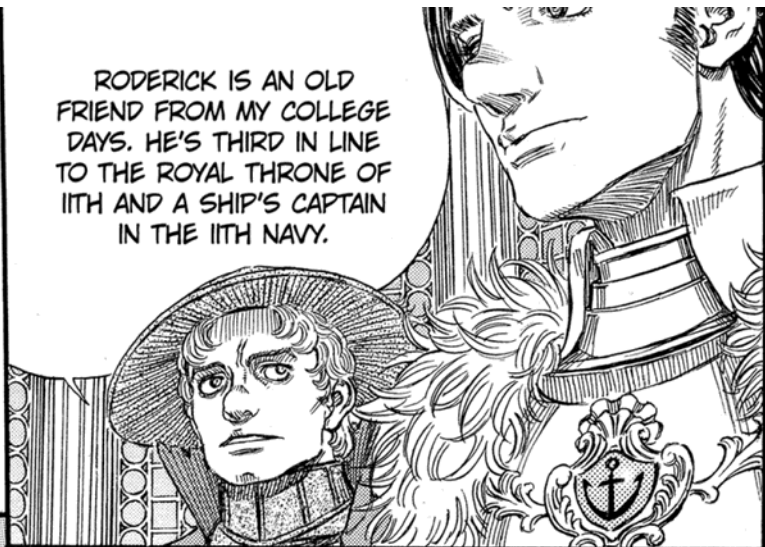


HOW DO
YOU DO,
RODERICK
...

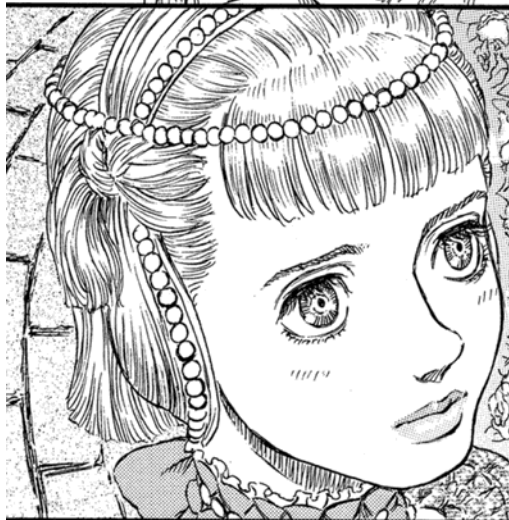
THEN
LIKEWISE,
CALL ME
FARNESE
...



I HAVE
HEARD MUCH
ABOUT YOU
FROM YOUR
BROTHER.

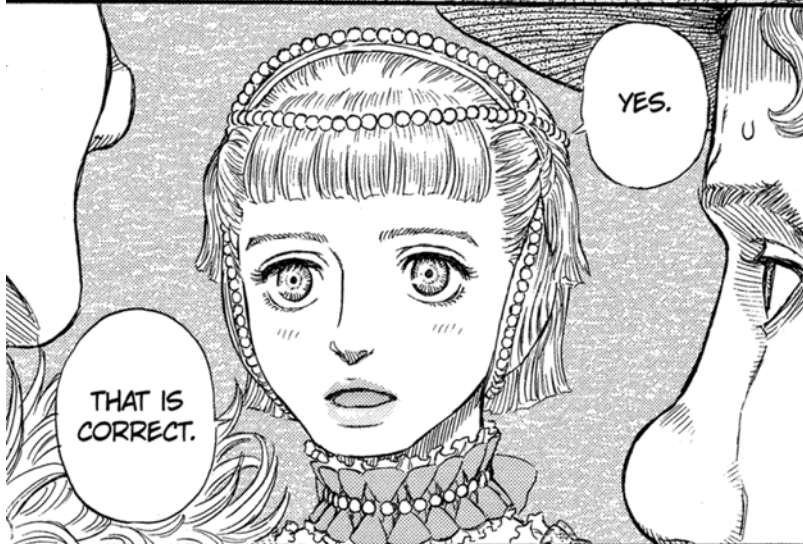


RODERICK IS AN OLD
FRIEND FROM MY COLLEGE
DAYS. HE'S THIRD IN LINE
TO THE ROYAL THRONE OF
IITH AND A SHIP'S CAPTAIN
IN THE IITH NAVY.



ABOUT THE
VANDIMION
DEVIL CHILD...

...AND THE
WANDERING
PRINCESS.



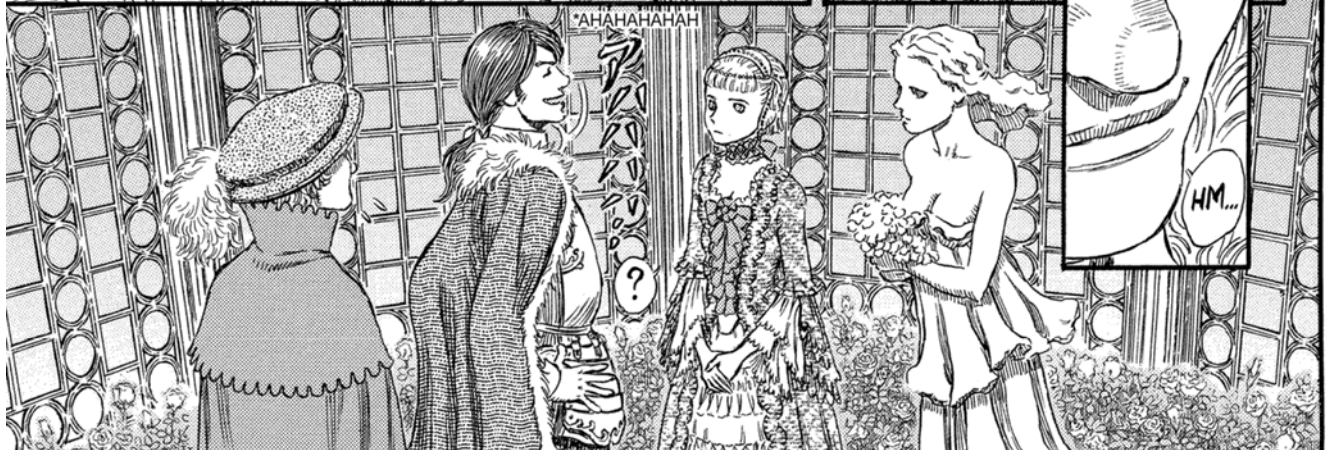
THAT IS
CORRECT.

YES.



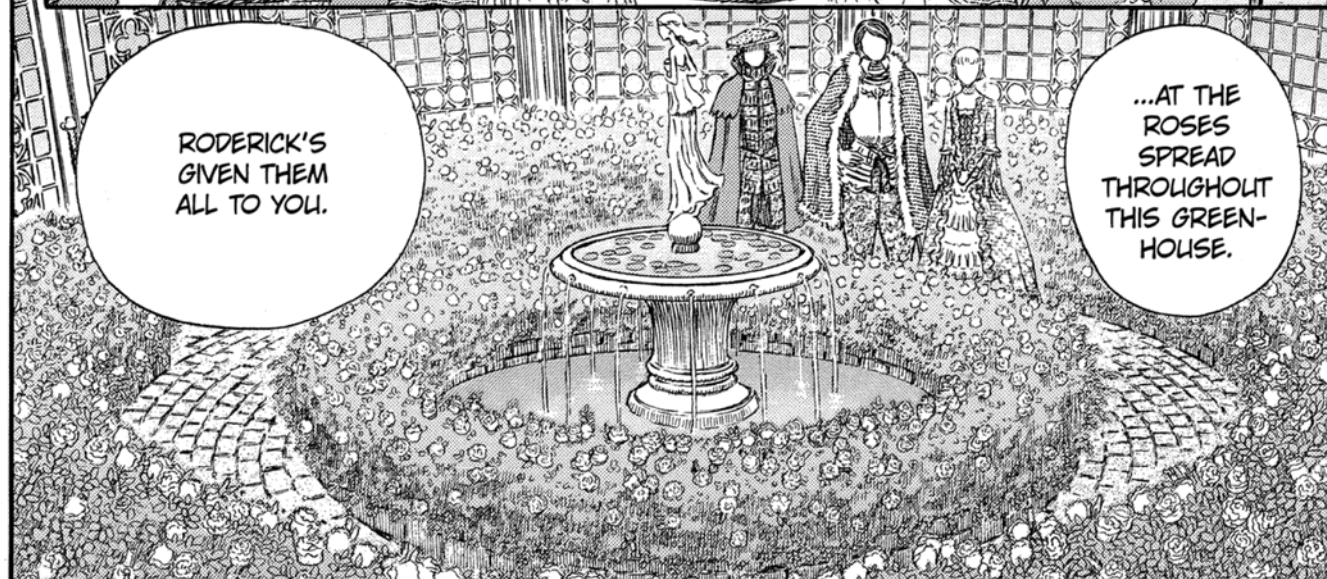
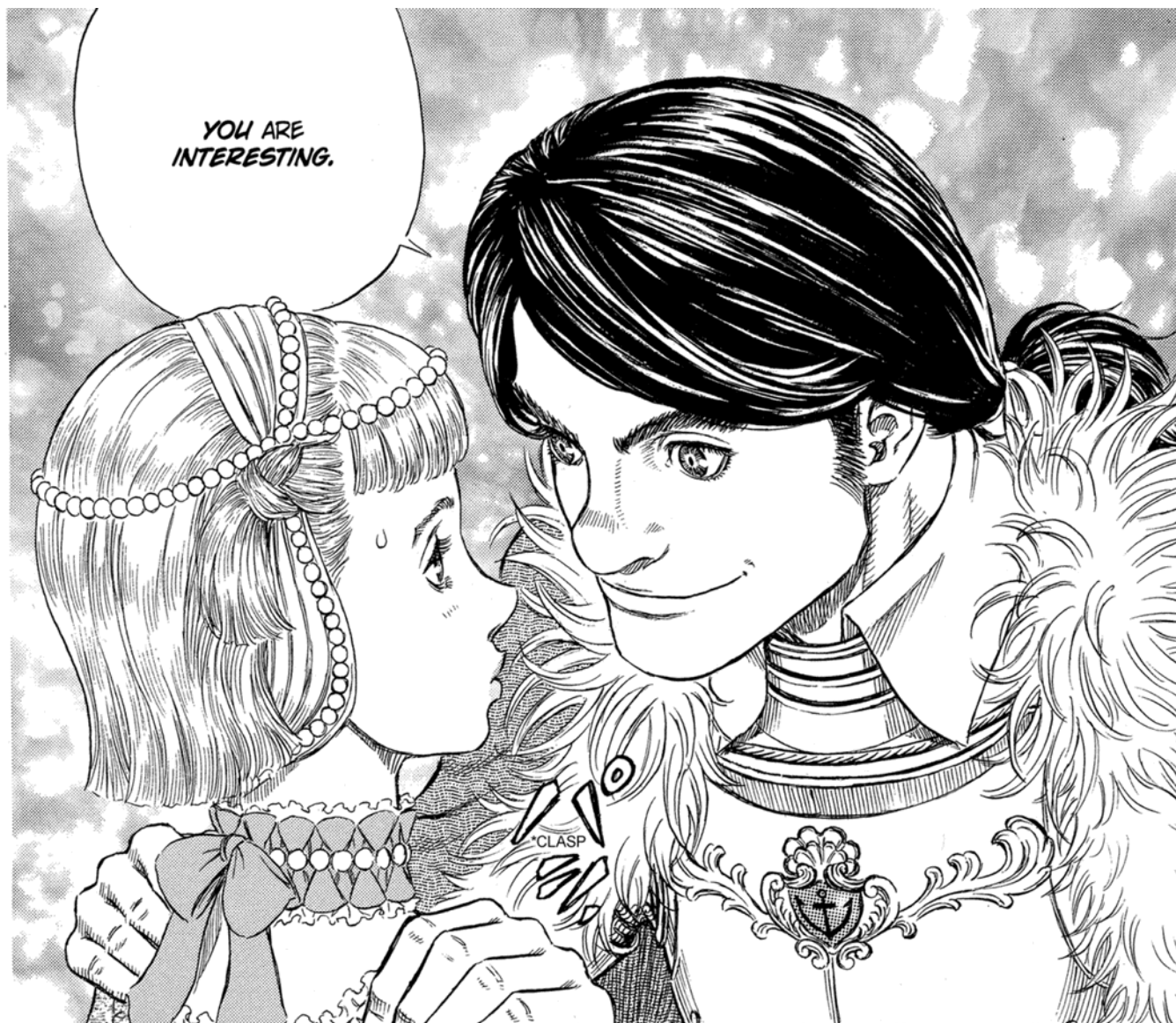
THAT'S
KIND OF
ABRUPT...

UH,
RODERICK.



'AH-AH-AH-AH-AH

HM...





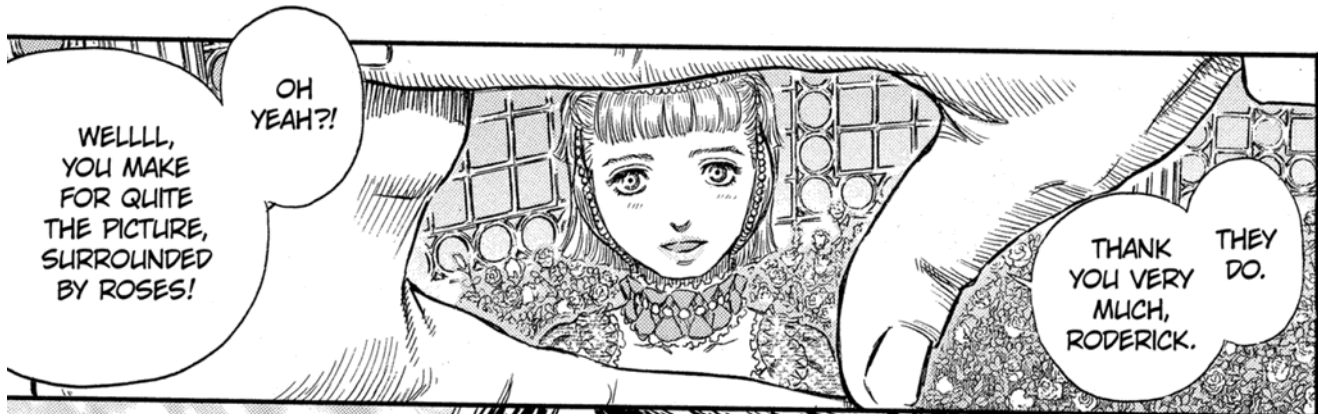
...BUT
DO THEY
PLEASE
YOU?

IT WAS A
BIT OF AN
EFFORT,
MAKING IT
WORTHY
OF THE
DAUGHTER
OF THE
ESTEEMED
VANDIMION
FAMILY...



ALL
THESE...

THAT'S
INCRED-
IBLE...

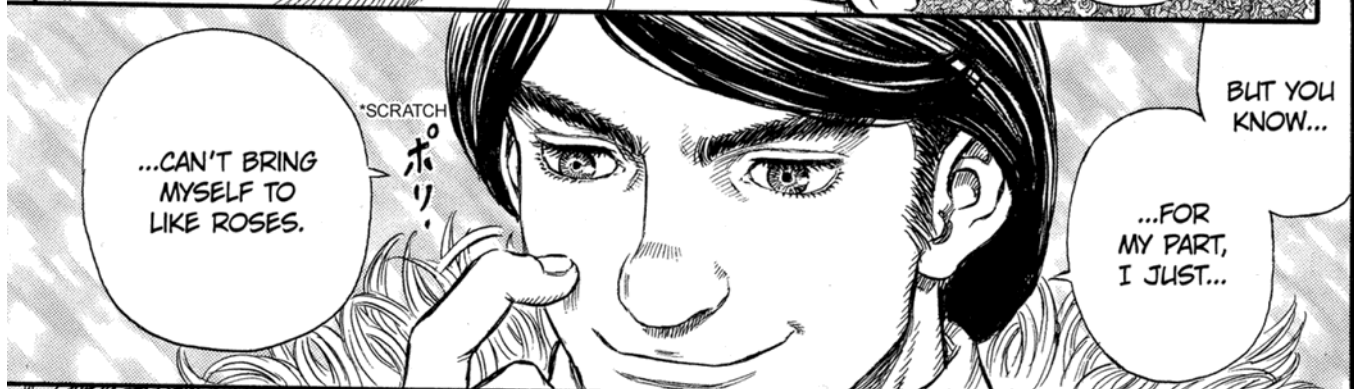


OH
YEAH?!

WELLLL,
YOU MAKE
FOR QUITE
THE PICTURE,
SURROUNDED
BY ROSES!

THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH,
RODERICK.

THEY
DO.

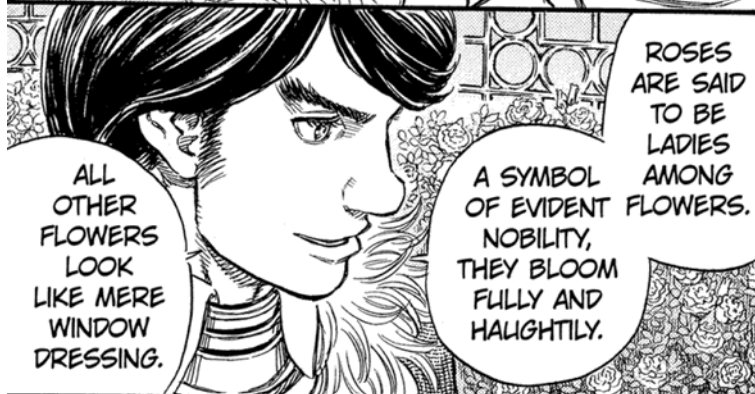


...CAN'T BRING
MYSELF TO
LIKE ROSES.

*SCRATCH
ホリ

BUT YOU
KNOW...

...FOR
MY PART,
I JUST...



ALL
OTHER
FLOWERS
LOOK
LIKE MERE
WINDOW
DRESSING.

A SYMBOL
OF EVIDENT
NOBILITY,
THEY BLOOM
FULLY AND
HAUGHTILY.

ROSES
ARE SAID
TO BE
LADIES
AMONG
FLOWERS.



OY...

D'YOU
WANT TO
BE LIKED
OR HATED?

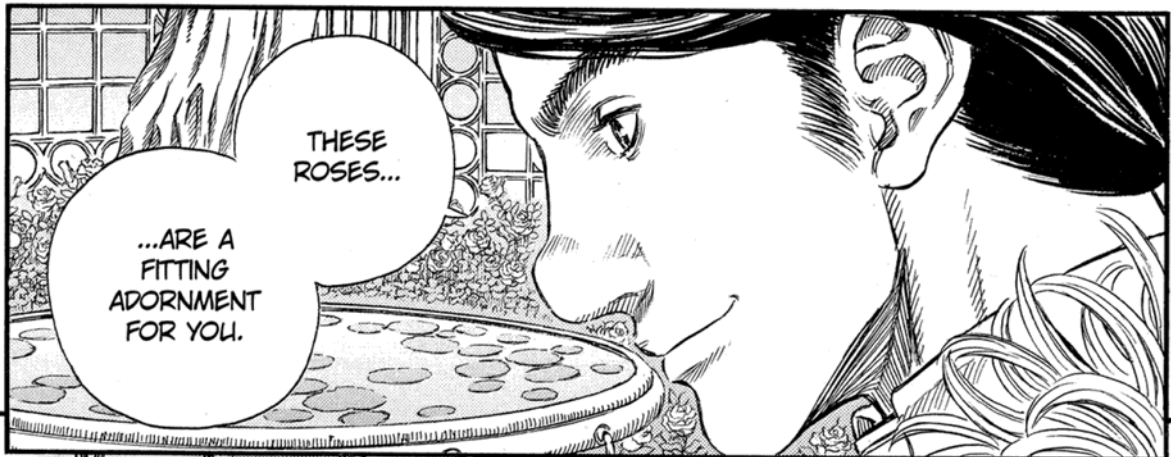
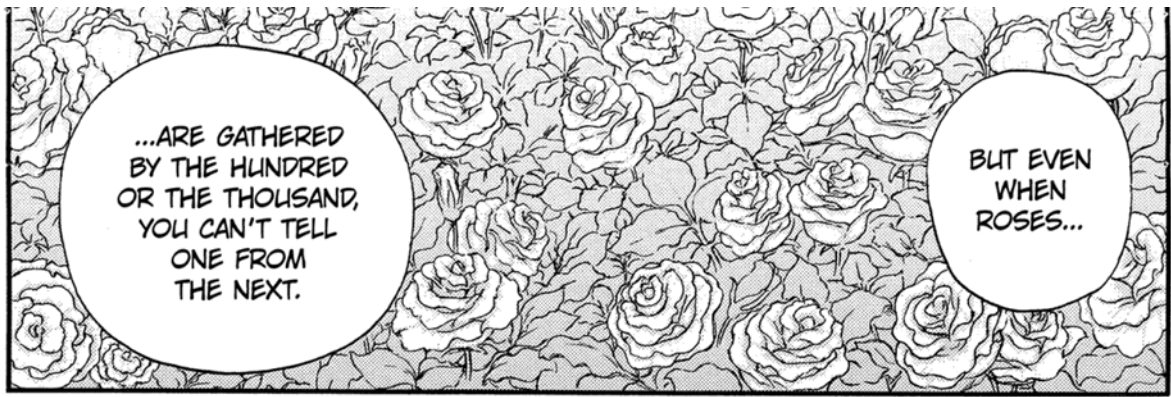


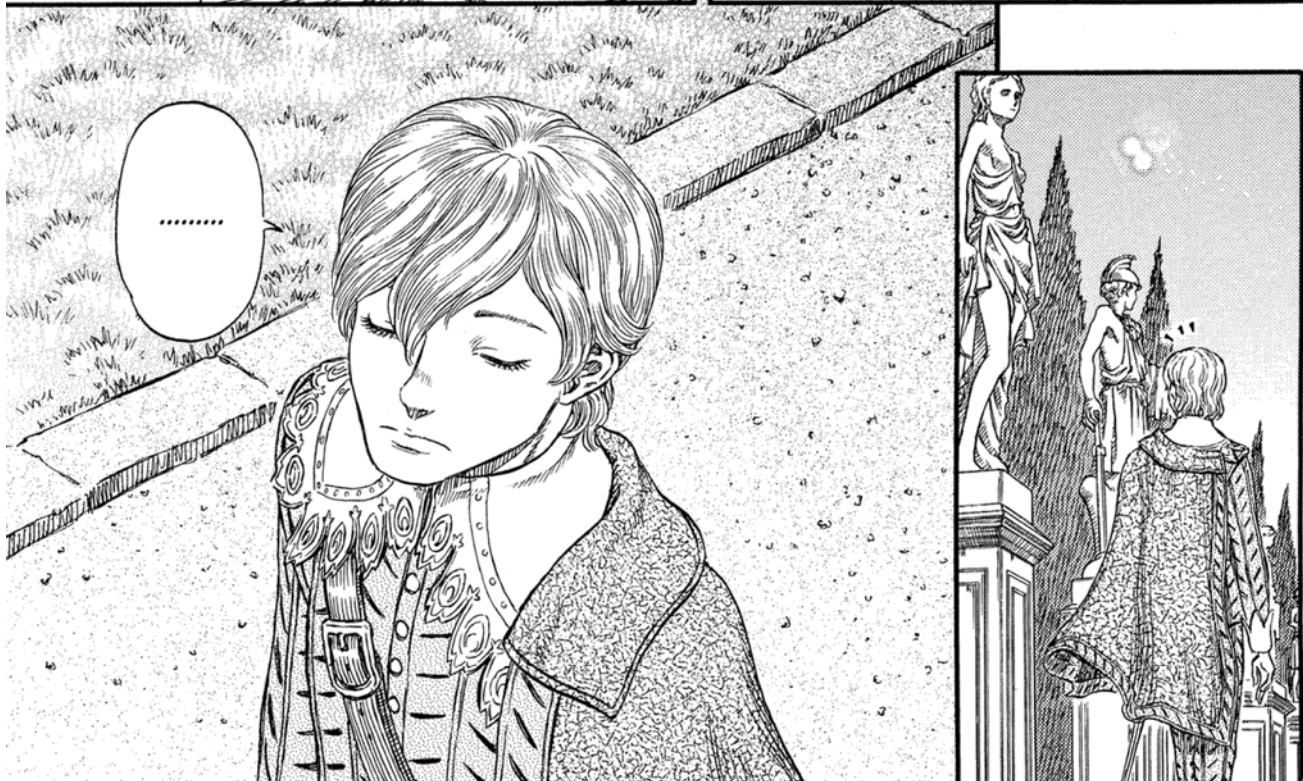
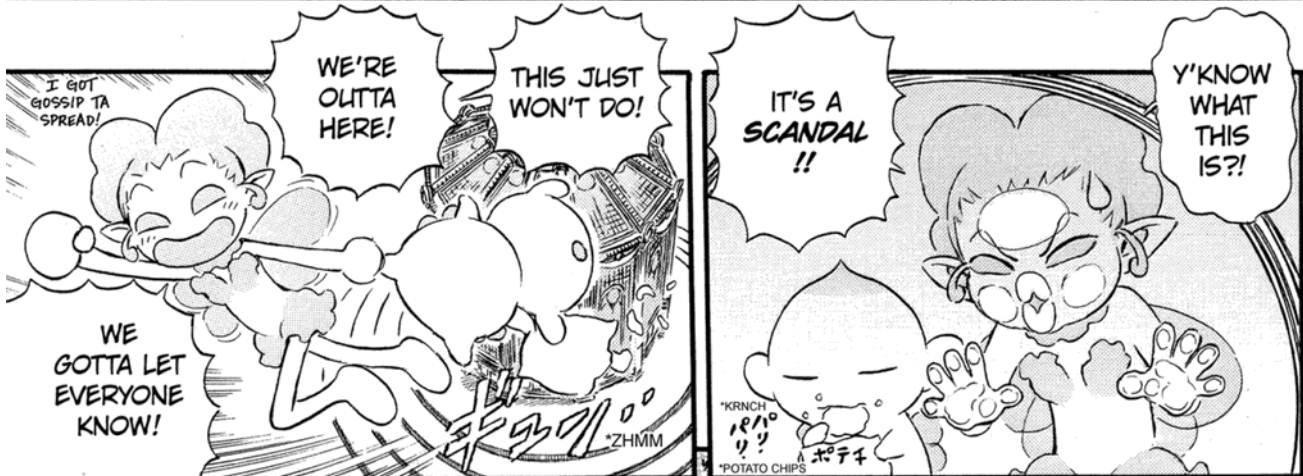
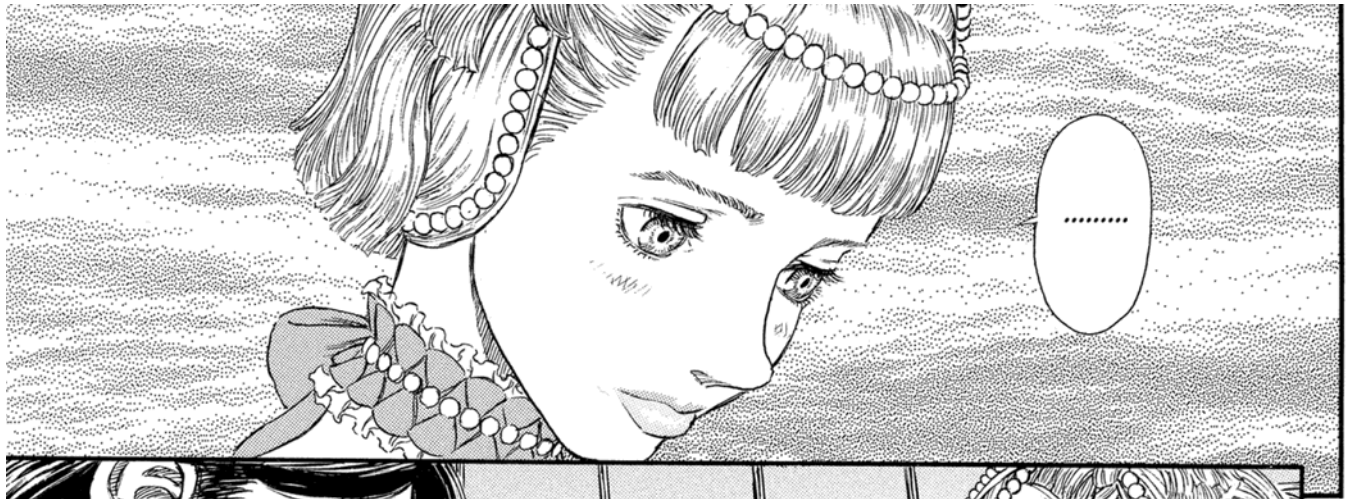
...INSIDE THE
GREENHOUSE
THAT IS
NOBLE RANK.

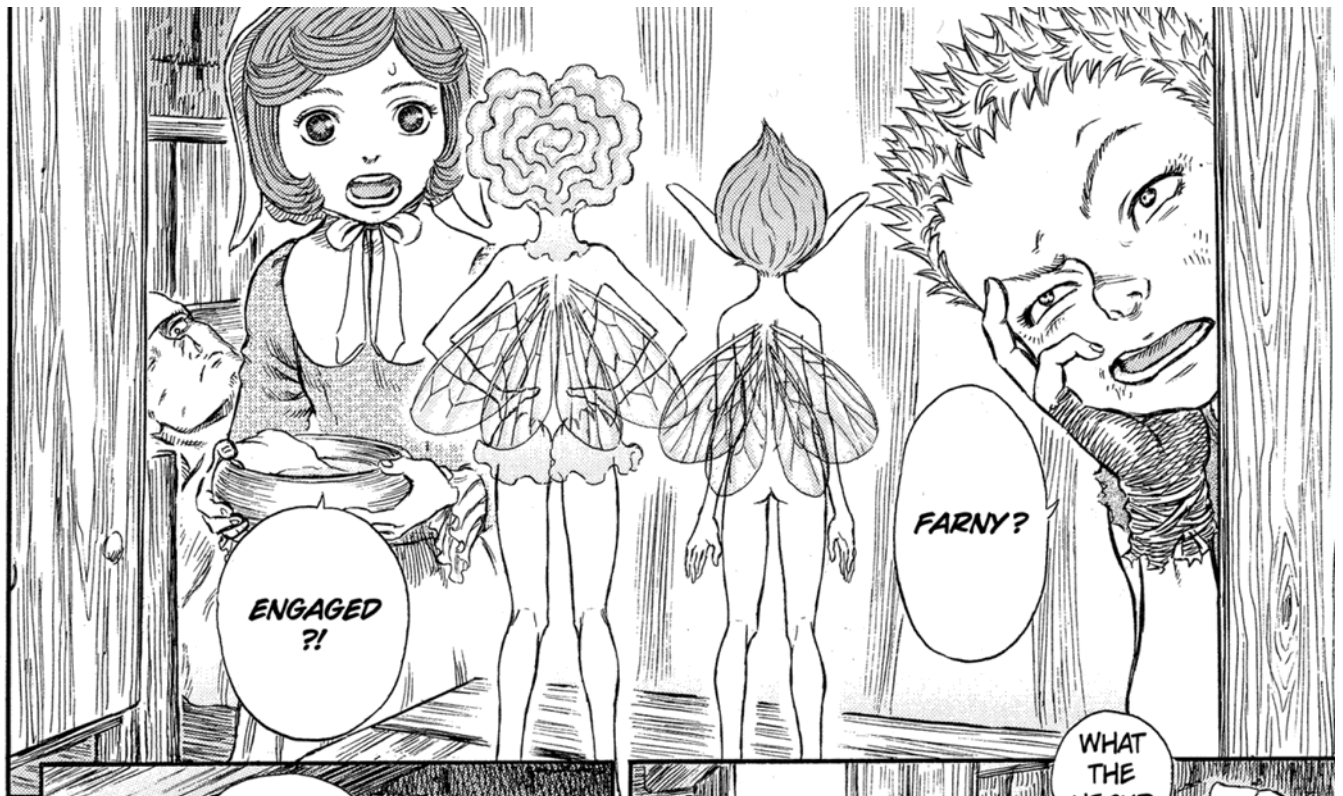
COMPETING
THROUGH
DRESS AND
SHOWINESS...

INDEED,
JUST LIKE
NOBLE
WOMEN.

YES.







ENGAGED
?!

FARNY?



YOU MEAN
IF SHE
MARRIES HIM,
SHE WON'T
BE ABLE
TO TRAVEL
WITH US
ANYMORE?

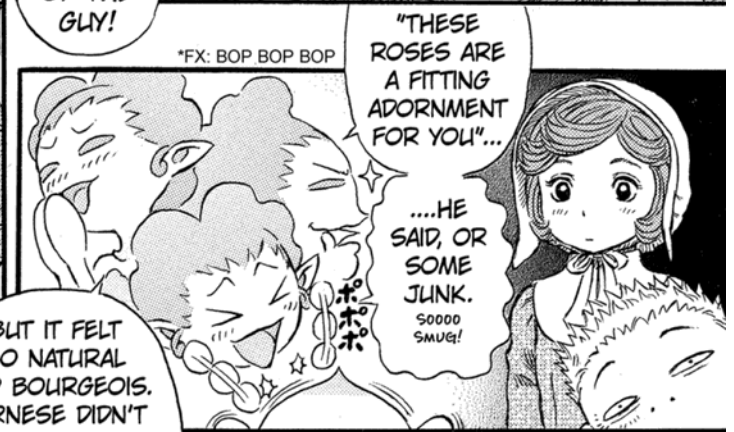
WELL,
IT JUST
MIGHT
MEAN
THAT.



WHAT
THE
HECK?

IS IT
TRUE,
IVALERA
?

YOU
BET IT IS!
WE JUST
GOT A
LOAD OF
THE GLY!

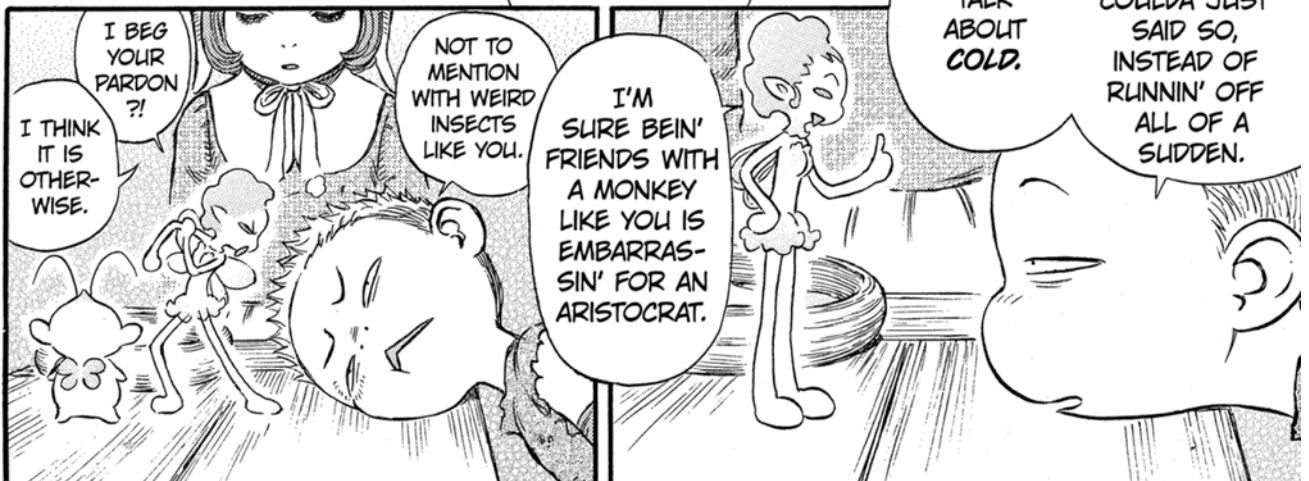


*FX: BOP BOP BOP

"THESE
ROSES ARE
A FITTING
ADORNMENT
FOR YOU"...

....HE
SAID, OR
SOME
JUNK.
SOOOO
SMUG!

BUT IT FELT
SO NATURAL
AND BOURGEOIS.
FARNESE DIDN'T
LOOK ALL THAT
UNHAPPY. ♡



I THINK
IT IS
OTHER-
WISE.

I BEG
YOUR
PARDON
?!

NOT TO
MENTION
WITH WEIRD
INSECTS
LIKE YOU.

I'M
SURE BEIN'
FRIENDS WITH
A MONKEY
LIKE YOU IS
EMBARRAS-
SIN' FOR AN
ARISTOCRAT.

TALK
ABOUT
COLD.

THEN SHE
COULDA JUST
SAID SO,
INSTEAD OF
RUNNIN' OFF
ALL OF A
SUDDEN.

AND SHE
TREASURED
HER SILVER
KNIFE SO
MUCH...

FARNESE'S
WISH TO
LEARN
MAGIC WAS
GENUINE.

I AM QUITE
UNABLE TO
LOOK AFTER
HER AS
FARNESE
DID.

SHE WAS
ALSO THE
PERSON TO
WHOM CASCA
WAS MOST
ATTACHED.

IT'S THE
OPPOSITE.

ISN'T
STUDYIN'
MAGIC
SOMETHIN' AN
ARISTOCRAT
GIRL WOULD
JUST FALL
INTO ON A
WHIM?

BUT STILL,
SHE SENT
BACK THE
SILVER
KNIFE AND ALL.

YOU
REALLY
DO TALK
TOO
MUCH.

YEAH.

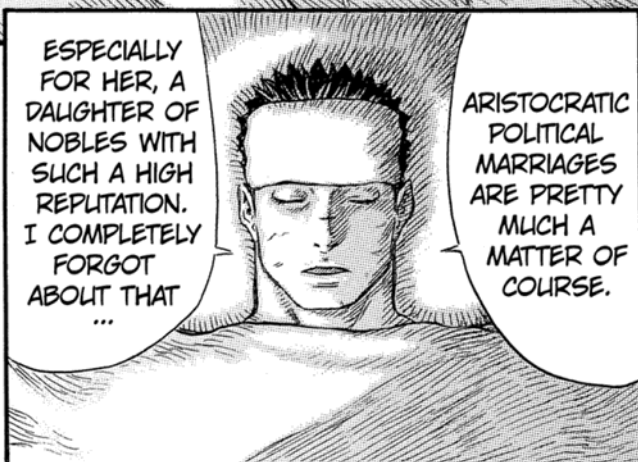
UH
OH.



...AN
ENGAGEMENT
WAS
SUGGESTED
TO HER.

AS
COLLATERAL
FOR
GETTING A
SHIP...

OR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



ESPECIALLY
FOR HER, A
DAUGHTER OF
NOBLES WITH
SUCH A HIGH
REPUTATION.
I COMPLETELY
FORGOT
ABOUT THAT
...

ARISTOCRATIC
POLITICAL
MARRIAGES
ARE PRETTY
MUCH A
MATTER OF
COURSE.



THAT
WOULD
MAKE
SENSE!

Y-YES,
RIGHT
!

GOOD
CALL.



SO...

WHADDA
WE DO?



...OR
SO I'D
LIKE TO
THINK.

IT'S WHAT
SHE DECIDED
HERSELF.



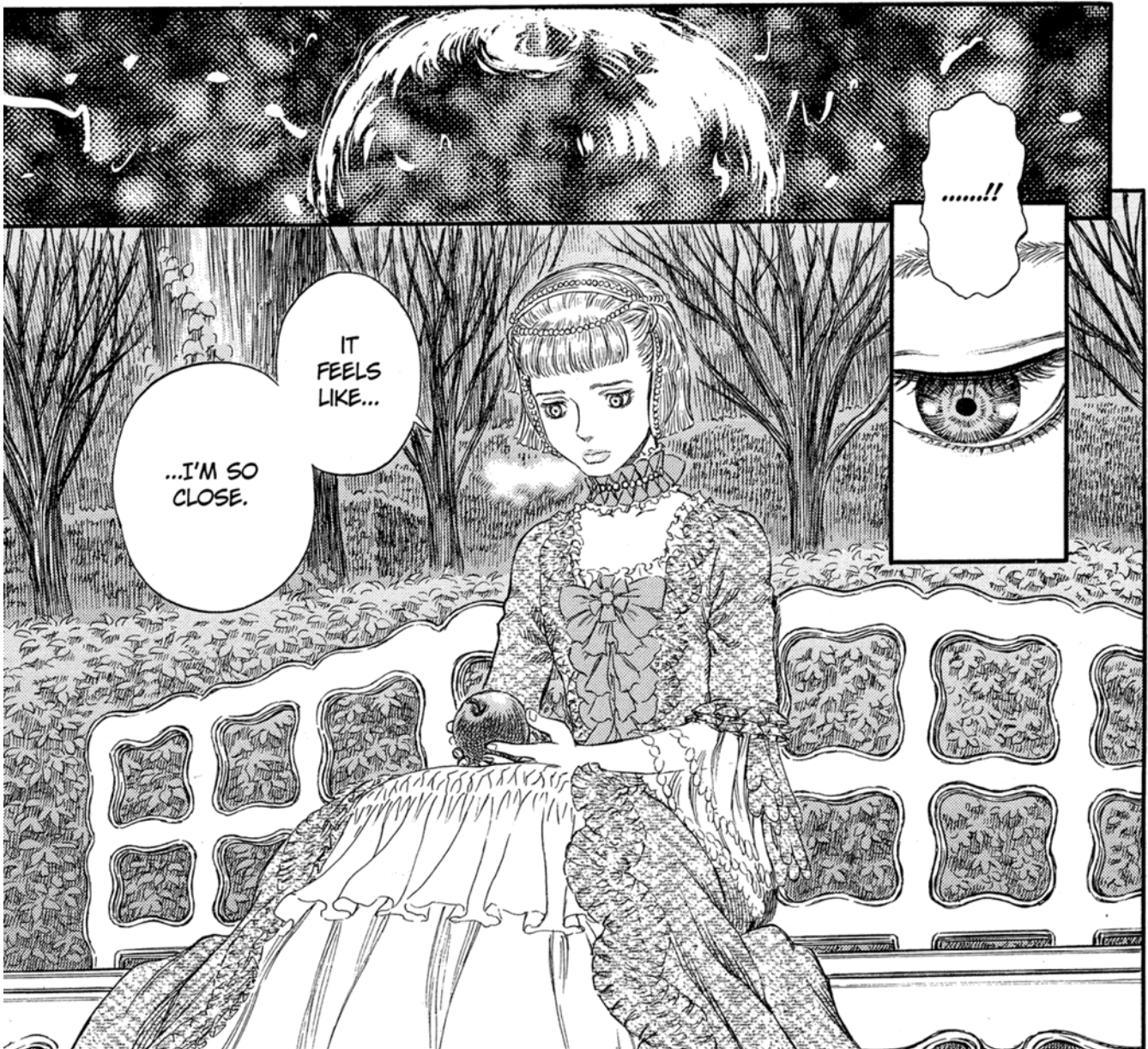
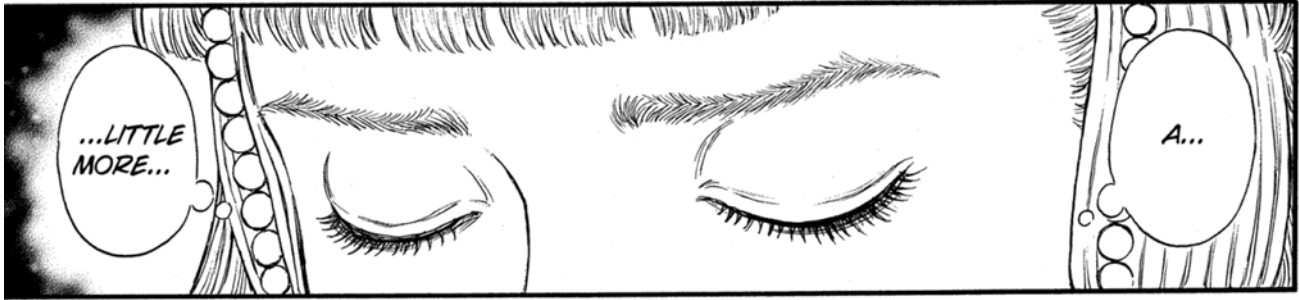
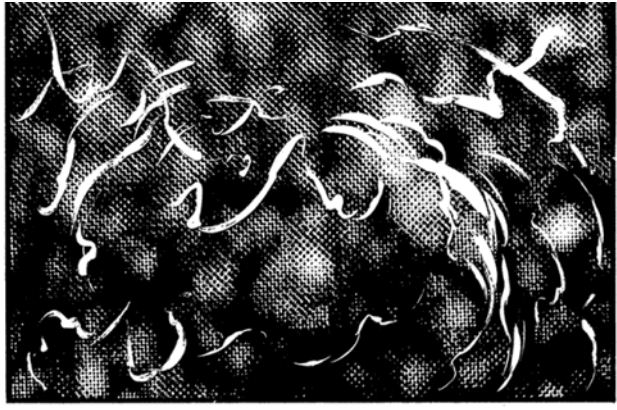
IF THE PRICE
FOR A SHIP IS
CASCIA'S BABY-
SITTER AND
GOOD FOOD...

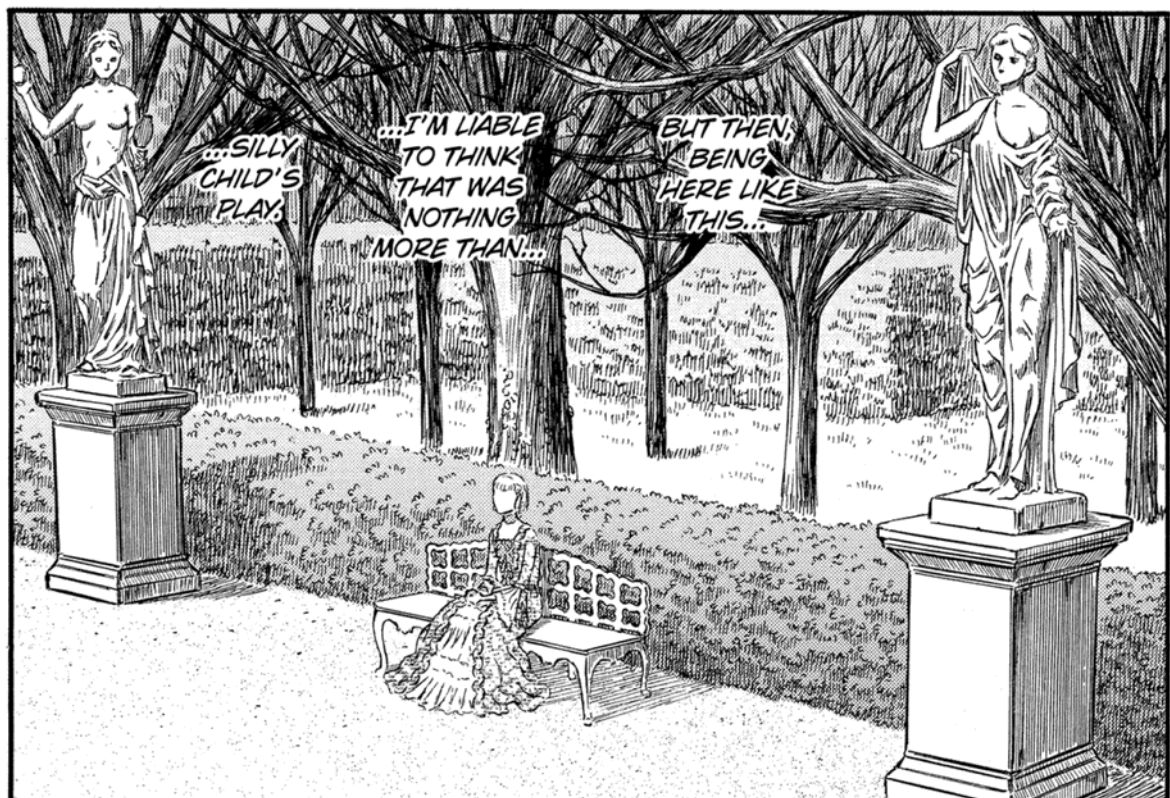
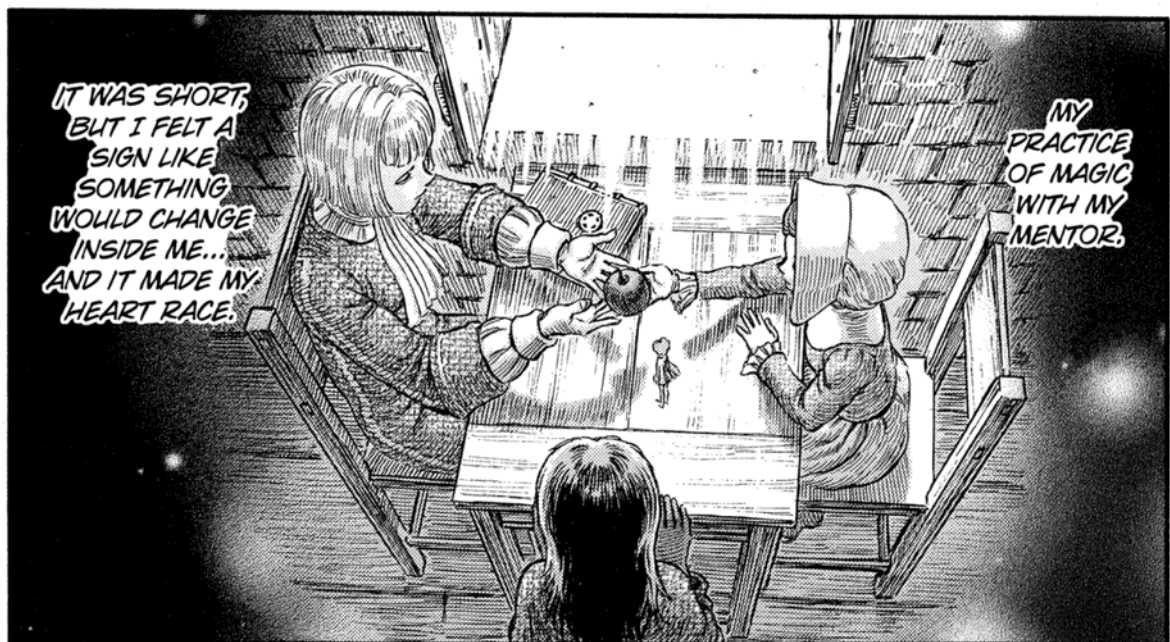
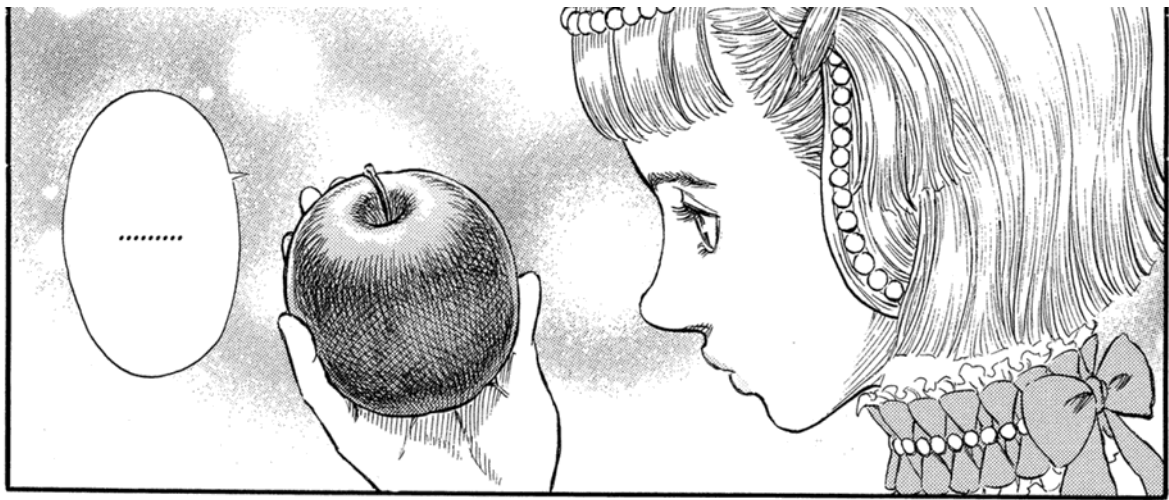
...IT
JUST AIN'T
MUCH OF
A DEAL.

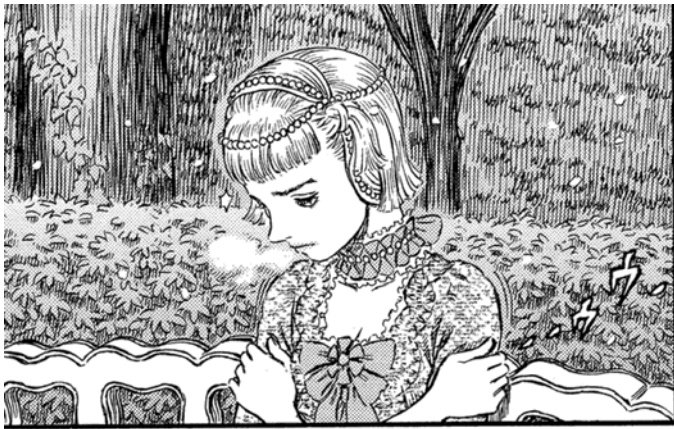


MOTHER
母

BERSERK







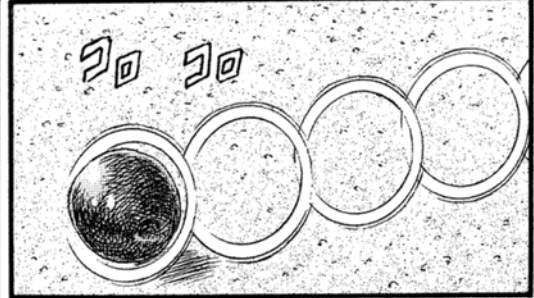
*FX: HYRRRL

*FX: ROLL



...LADY
FARNESE.

YOU WILL
CATCH
COLD...



HERE
IT IS
ALREADY.
SPRING.

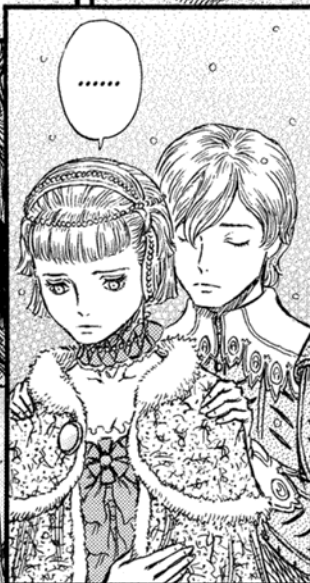
YET THE
SNOW
LINGERS.



...IN THIS
PLACE,
THE SNOW
FALLING
ON US...

BEING
WITH
YOU...

IT FEELS JUST
LIKE BEING IN
THAT MINIATURE
GARDEN IN THE
HOLY CITY.



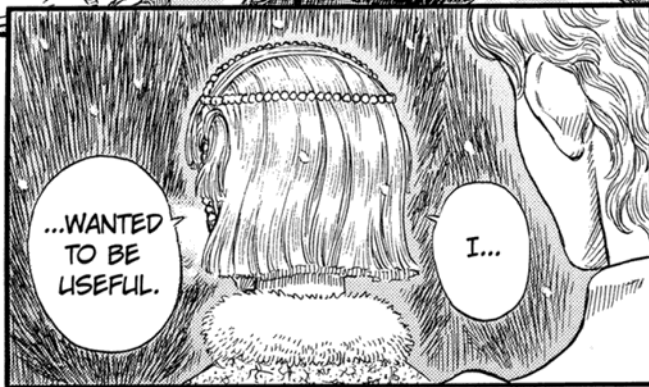
.....



...WERE
ALL A
DREAM...

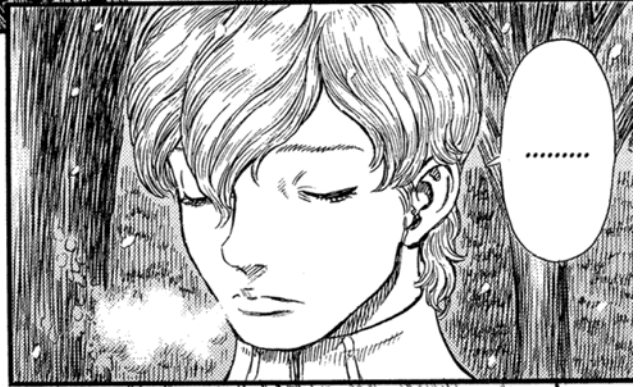
...AS IF THE
FEELINGS I
FELT ON THAT
STRANGE
JOURNEY...

AS IF
THAT
JOURNEY...

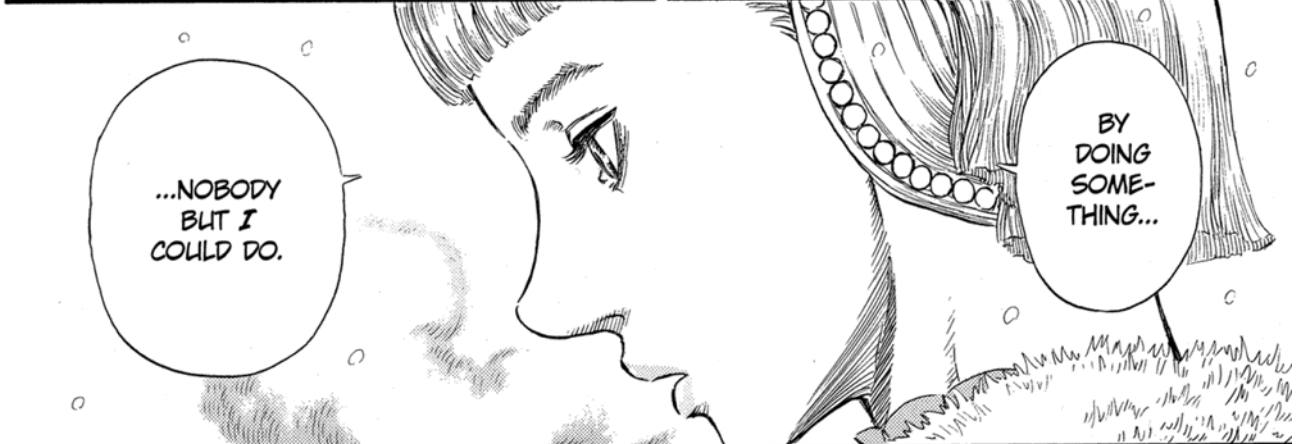


...WANTED
TO BE
USEFUL.

I...

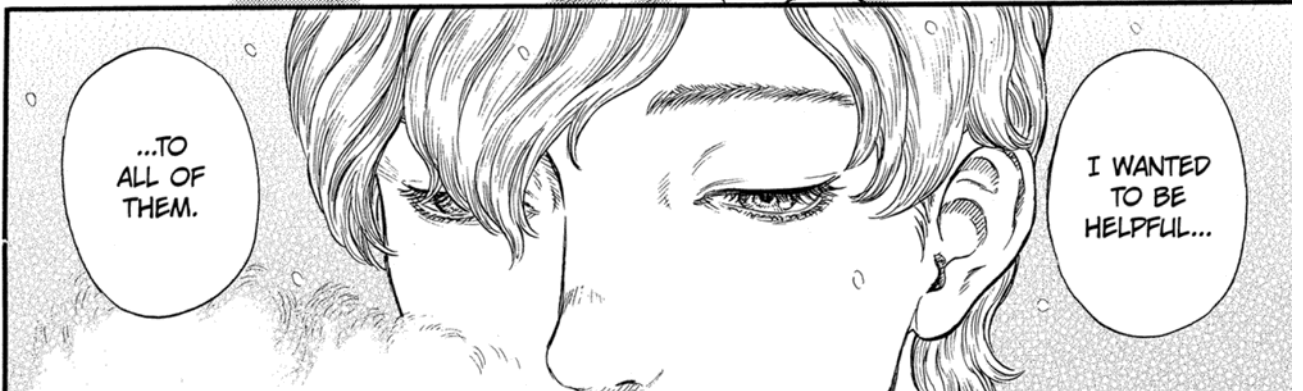


.....



...NOBODY
BUT I
COULD DO.

BY
DOING
SOME-
THING...



...TO
ALL OF
THEM.

I WANTED
TO BE
HELPFUL...



...I RAN
BACK
HOME.

HERE,
WHERE
I'M
ACCLUS-
TOMED.

COLD...

...AND
ENCLOSED.

THE
WARMER
IT
GOT...

...THE
MORE I
THOUGHT
...

...I
MIGHT
HAVE A
PLACE
THERE.

BUT I
COULDN'T
STAY...

...AND
IN MY
ANXIETY...

I WAS
UNABLE
TO STAY
THERE...

...AT THAT
FIRESIDE
CIRCLE OF
LIGHT, GIVEN
TO ME SO
UNEXPECT-
EDLY.

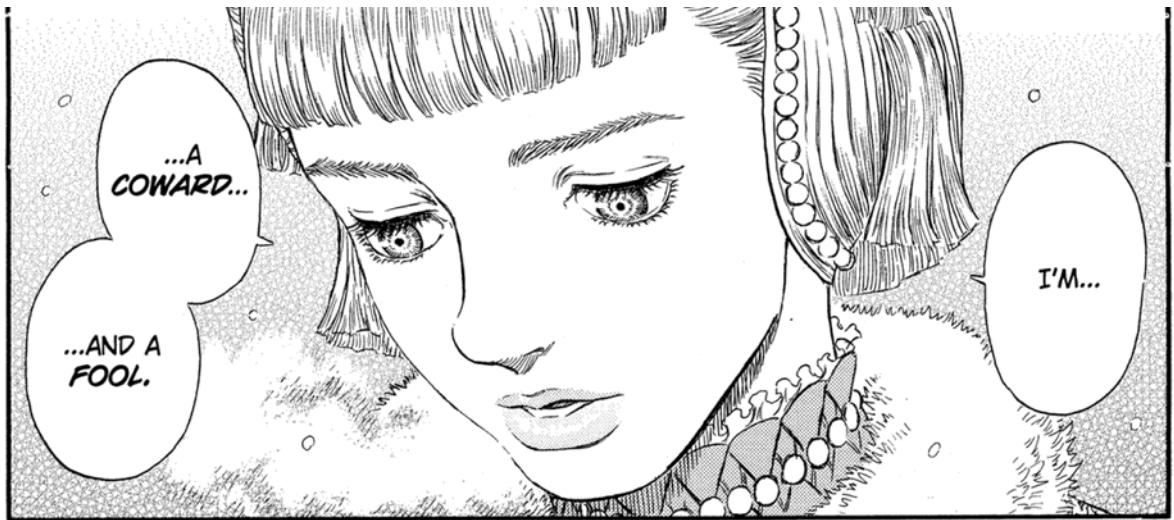
THERE
WAS
WARMTH...

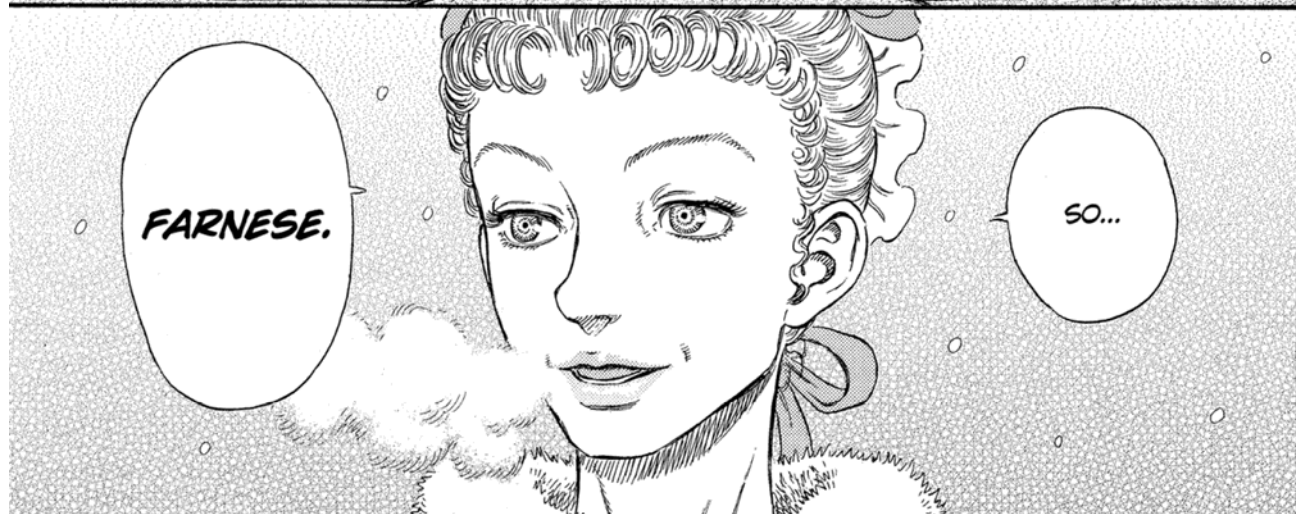
...YET I
COULD
OFFER IT
NOTHING IN
RETURN.

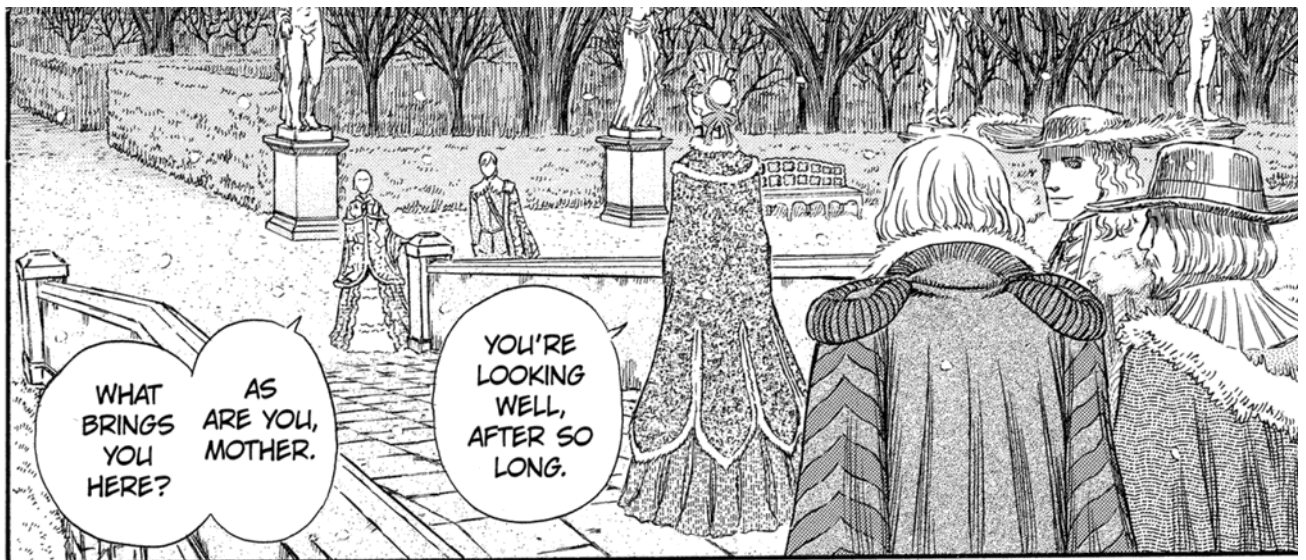
BUT...

I'M
SURE THAT
WAS...

...AN
EXCUSE.







WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?

AS
ARE YOU,
MOTHER.

YOU'RE
LOOKING
WELL,
AFTER SO
LONG.

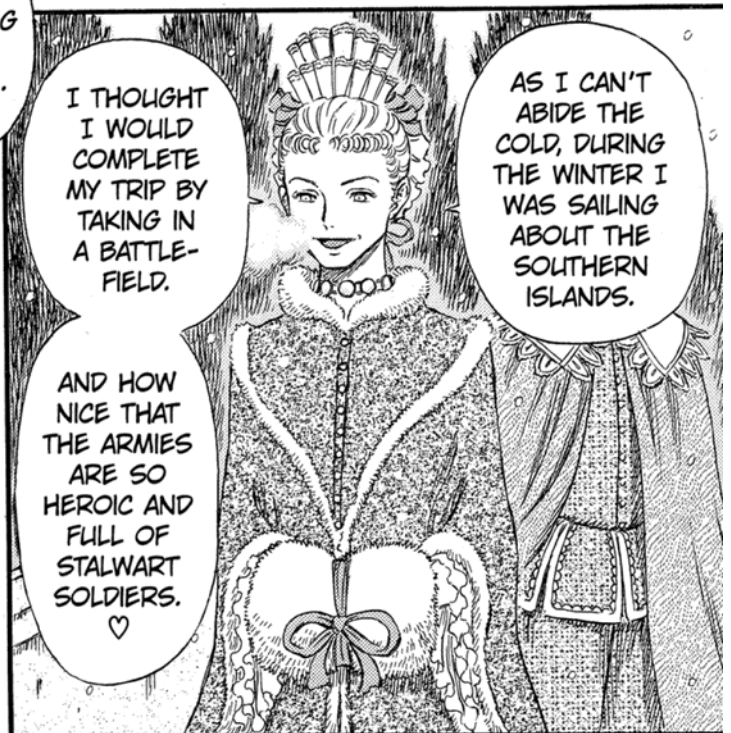


WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?

DIDN'T YOU STEAL
AWAY FROM YOUR
HOLY KNIGHTS AND
GO MISSING...?

OH,
SPEAKING
OF
WHICH...

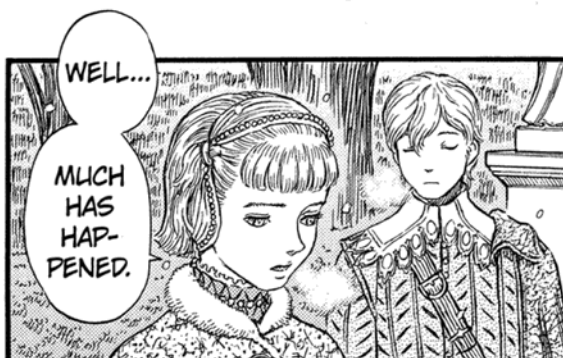
.....



I THOUGHT
I WOULD
COMPLETE
MY TRIP BY
TAKING IN
A BATTLE-
FIELD.

AS I CAN'T
ABIDE THE
COLD, DURING
THE WINTER I
WAS SAILING
ABOUT THE
SOUTHERN
ISLANDS.

AND HOW
NICE THAT
THE ARMIES
ARE SO
HEROIC AND
FULL OF
STALWART
SOLDIERS.
♡



WELL...

MUCH
HAS
HAP-
PENED.



YOU?

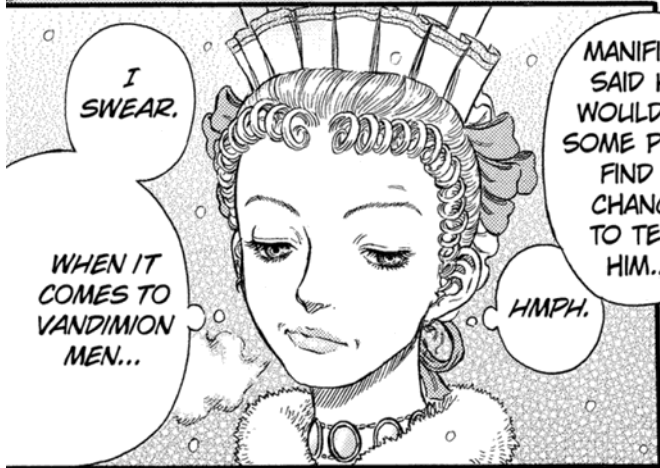
BETROTHED
?

OH,
MY.



A ROYAL GENTLEMAN WHO IS AN OLD SCHOOL FRIEND OF MANIFICO.

WHO IS HE?



I SWEAR.

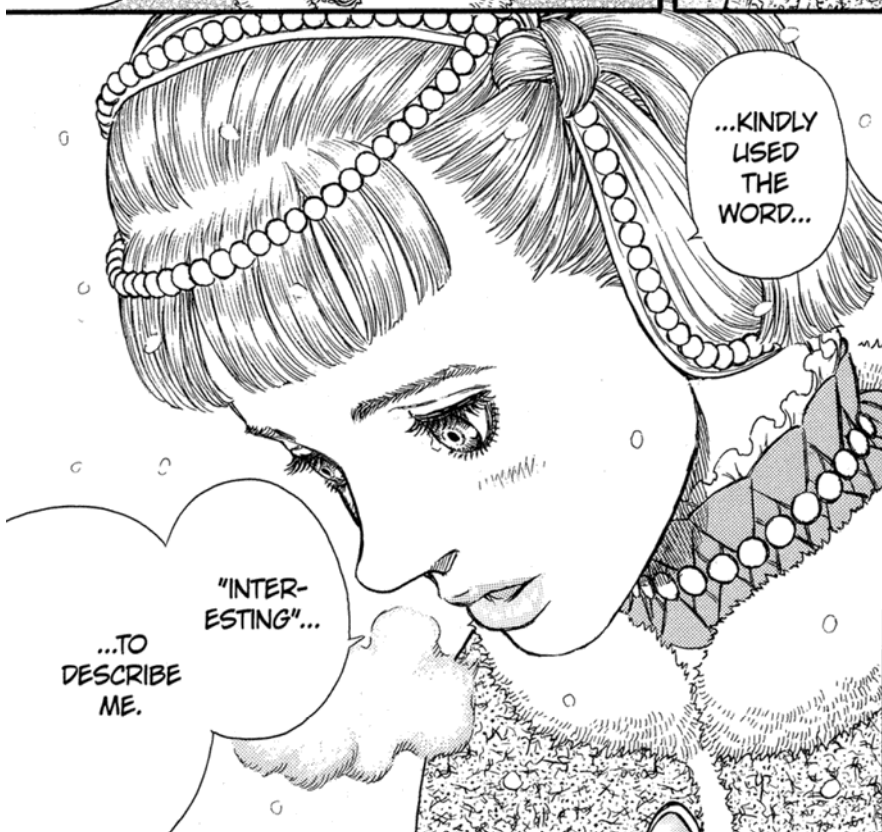
WHEN IT COMES TO VANDIMION MEN...

MANIFICO SAID HE WOULD AT SOME POINT FIND A CHANCE TO TELL HIM...

HMPH.



DOES YOUR FATHER KNOW?



...KINDLY USED THE WORD...

"INTERESTING"...

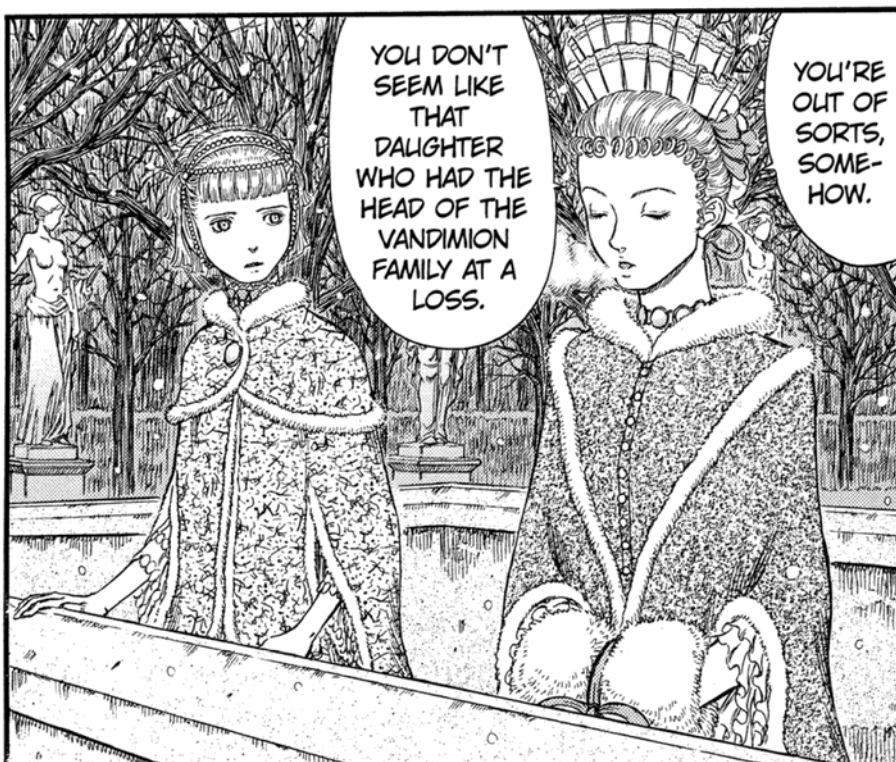
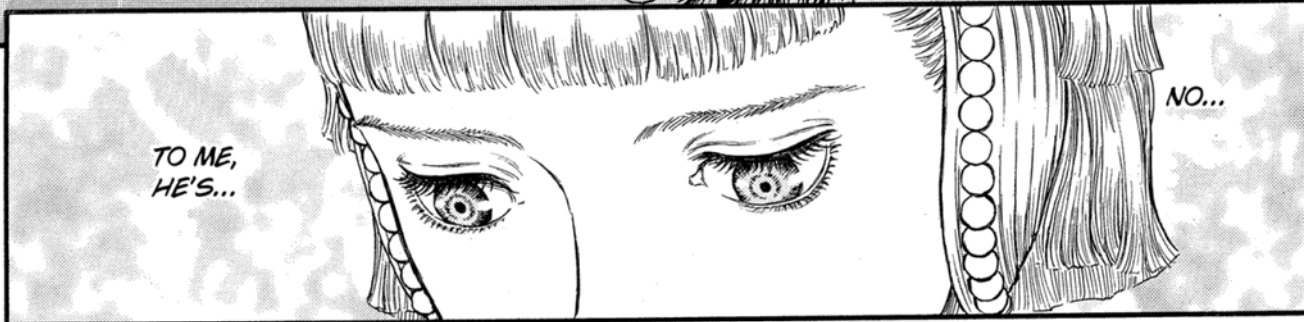
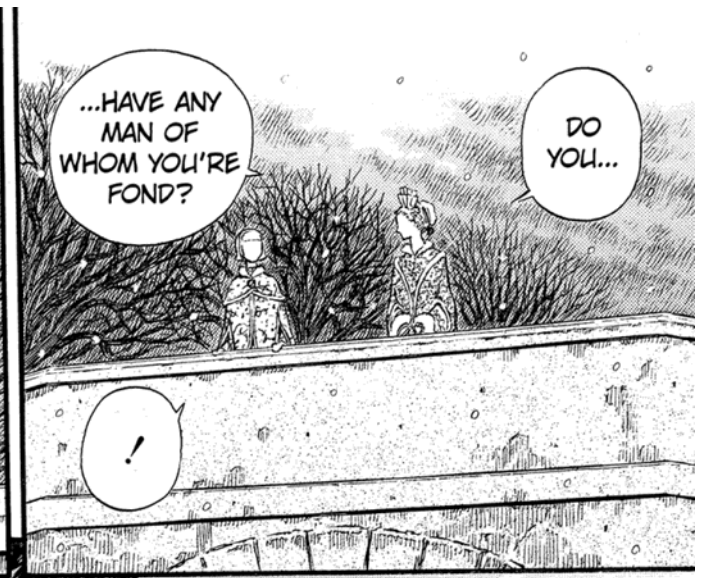
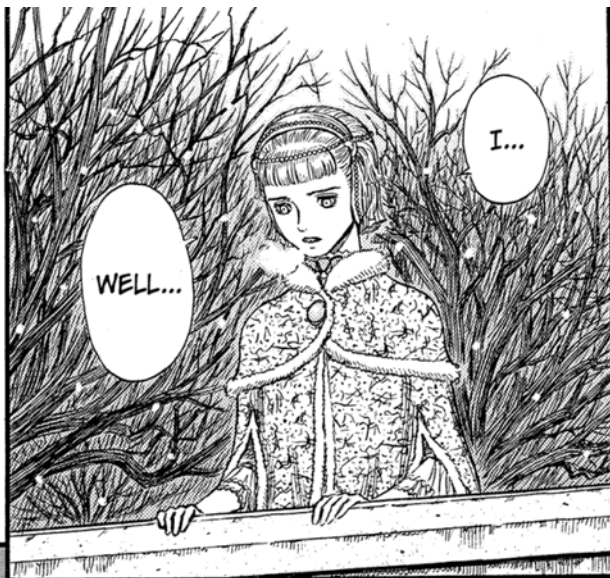
...TO DESCRIBE ME.

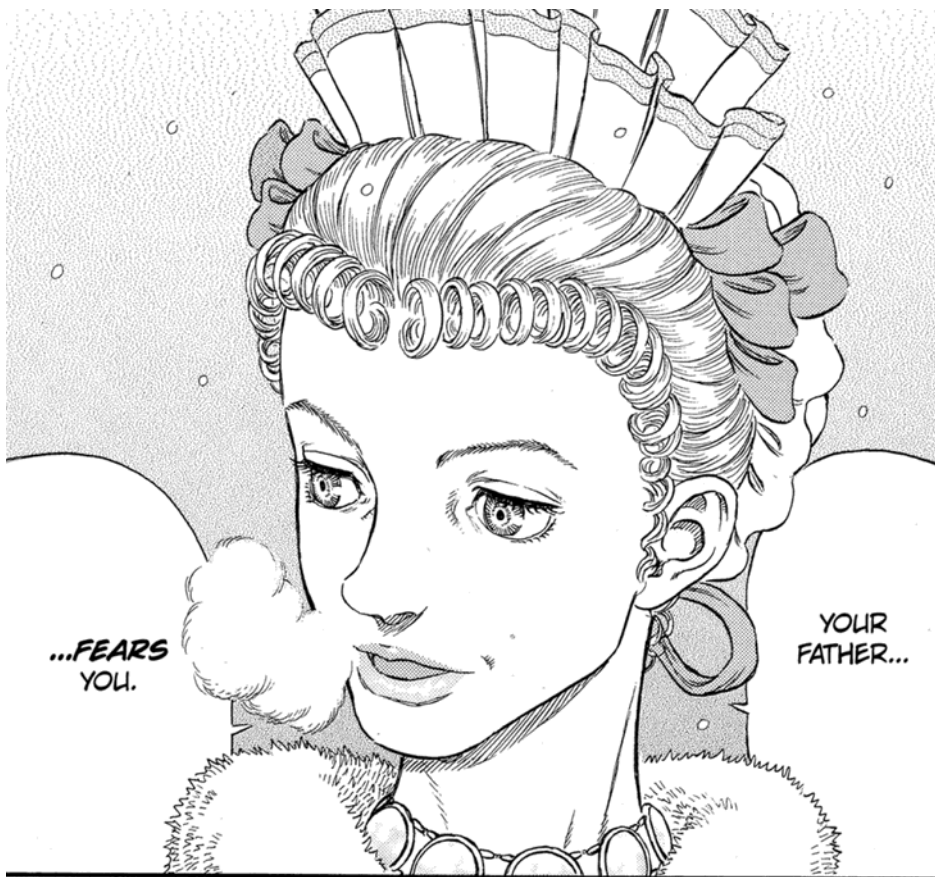


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THIS?

DOES IT SEEM YOU'LL GET ON WELL WITH HIM?

HE...





...FEARS
YOU.

YOUR
FATHER...



BUT I
NEVER...

OH, YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW?



HUH...?



...HE'S
WEAK.

YOU
SEE...



SO HE
WANTS...

...EVERY-
THING
SITUATED
WHERE
HE CAN
HANDLE
IT.

HE'S
WEAK...



YES.

FA-
THER
IS?

HIM
...?

HE MOVES PEOPLE
AND THINGS ALL
THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD LIKE THEY
WERE TOYS, AND
ONCE EVERYTHING
IS ARRANGED
ACCORDING TO HIS
OWN **SCHEMES**,
HE FINALLY
RELAXES.

I AM...?

TO FATHER...?

...YOU'RE AN ENIGMA.

TO SOMEONE LIKE HIM...

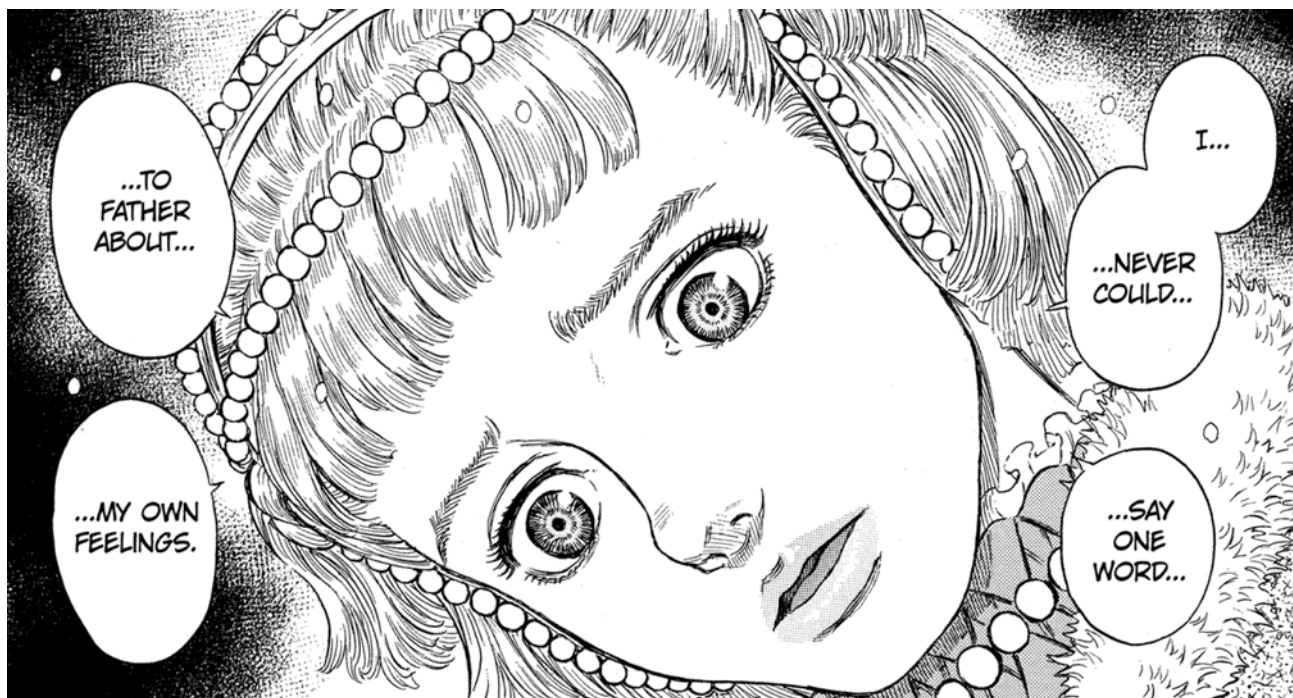
A LITTLE MONSTER.

TO
SOMEONE
LIKE
HIM...

THAT...

THAT
CANNOT
BE!





...TO
FATHER
ABOUT...

I...

...NEVER
COULD...

...MY OWN
FEELINGS.

...SAY
ONE
WORD...



NEVER...

...NOD AT
WHATEVER
HE SAID...

I NEVER
COULD
DO MORE
THAN...



FARNESE...

...IS NOT
ALL THERE
IS TO
COMMUNICATING
FEELINGS...

THE USE OF
WORDS...

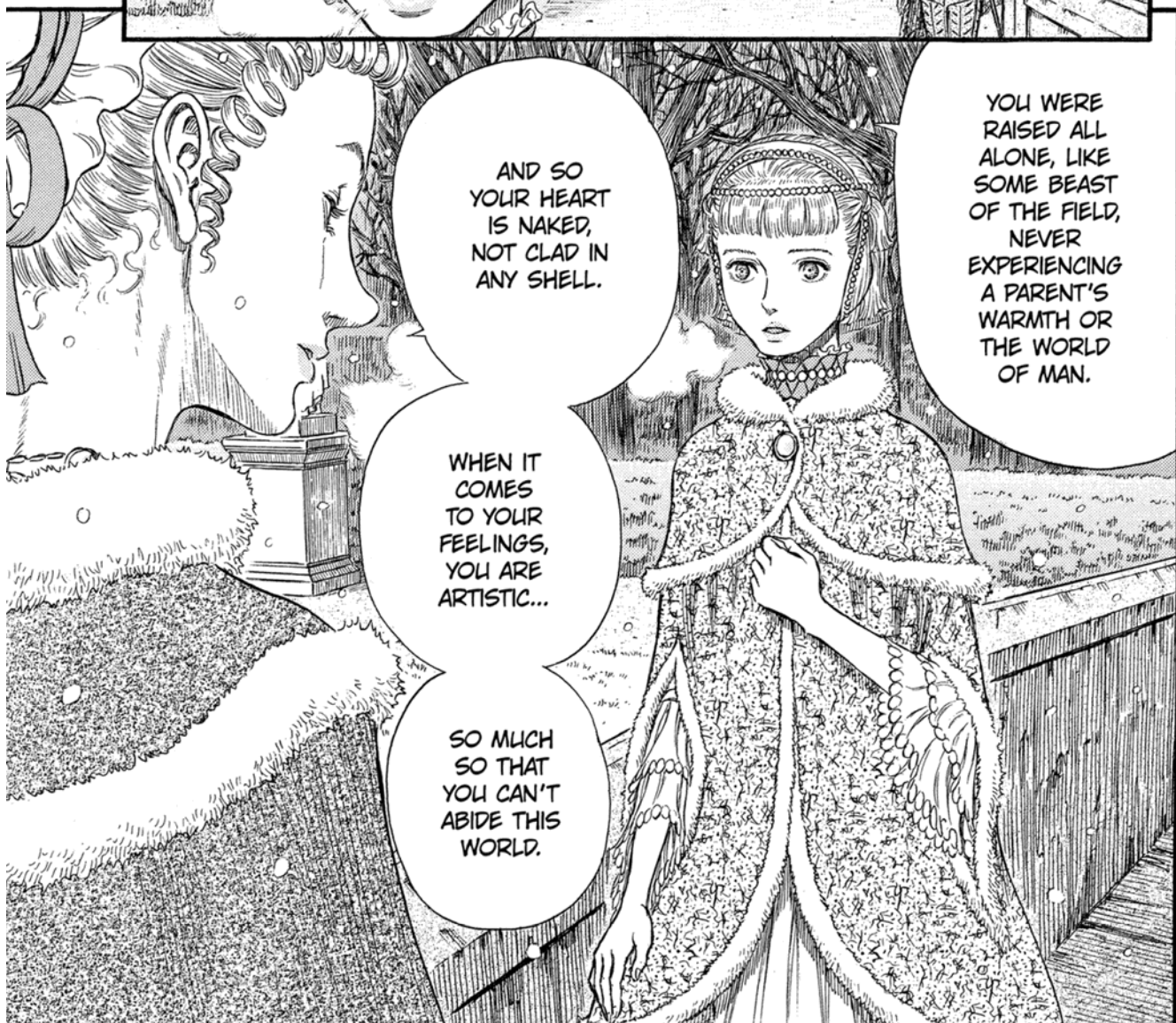
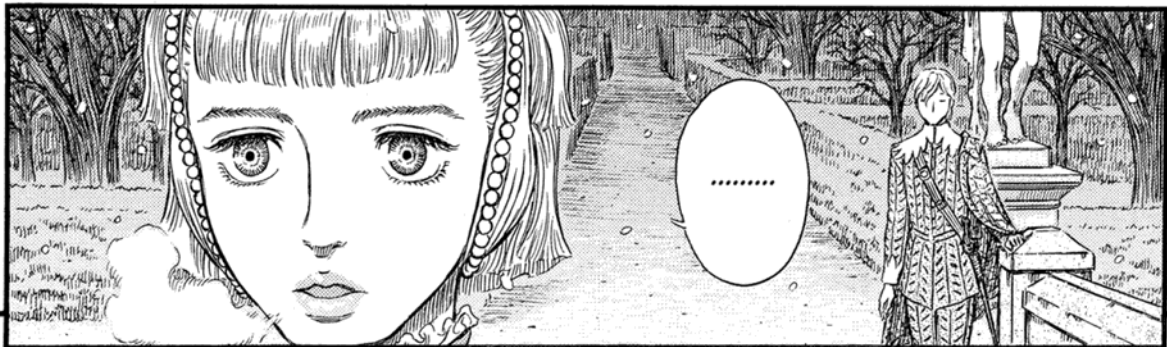
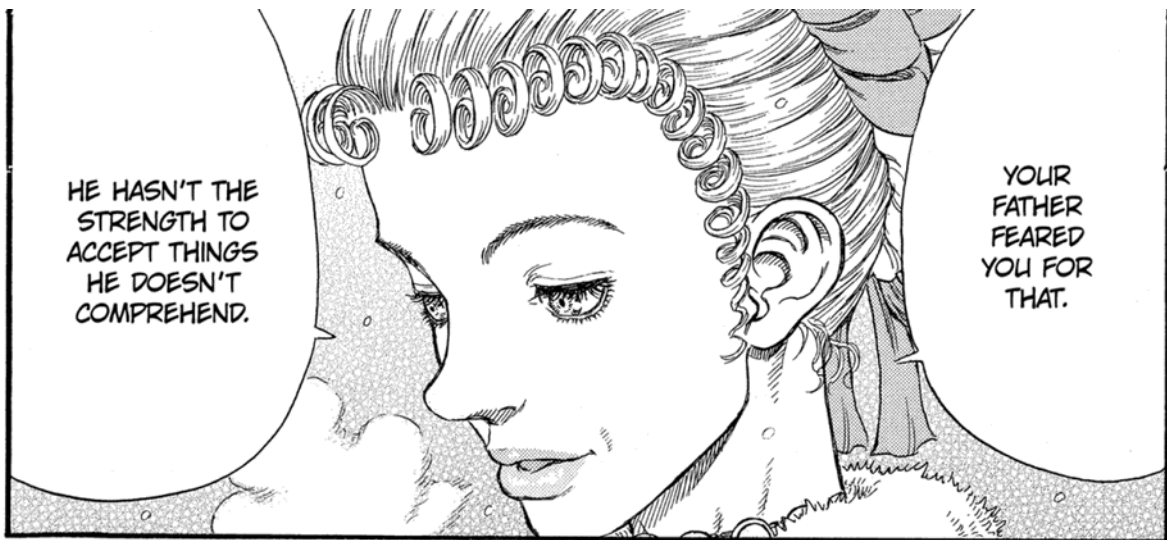


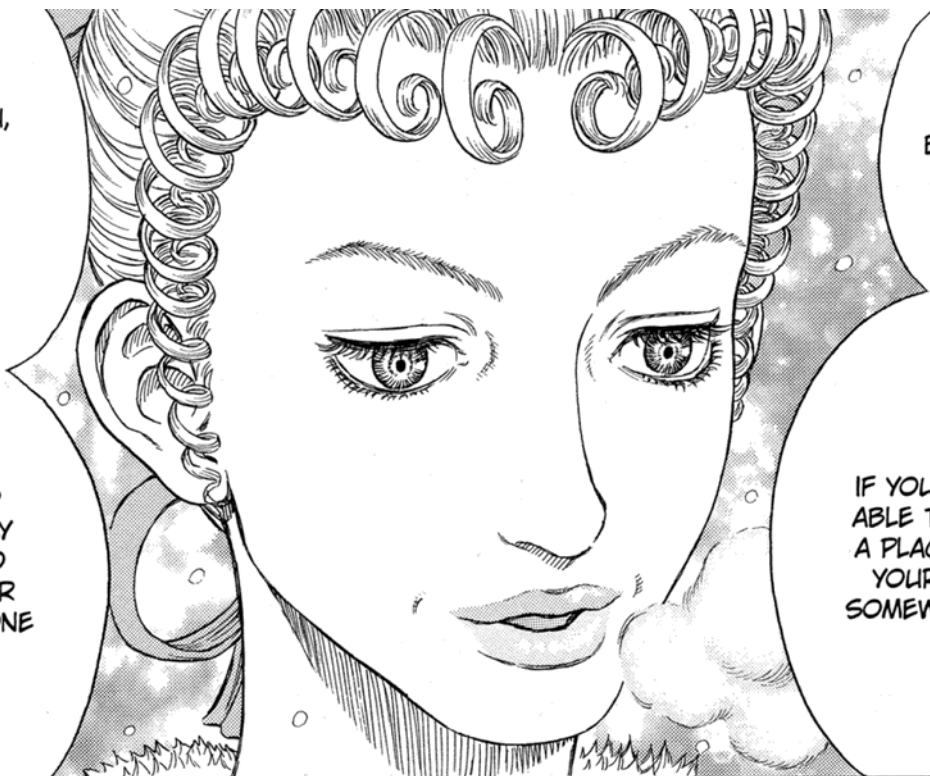
...EXPRESSED
YOUR
UNLUTTERABLE,
REPPRESSED
FEELINGS
THROUGH
THE MOST
UNEXPECTED
BEHAVIOR.

YOU'VE
ALWAYS...

LIKE
A BABY,
WITHOUT
SPEECH...

...CRYING AND
SHOUTING
FOR ALL IT'S
WORTH.



A close-up of a woman's face with curly hair. She has a somber expression.

...THEN YOU,
MORE
FAMILIAR
WITH PAIN
THAN
MOST...

BUT YOU
KNOW...

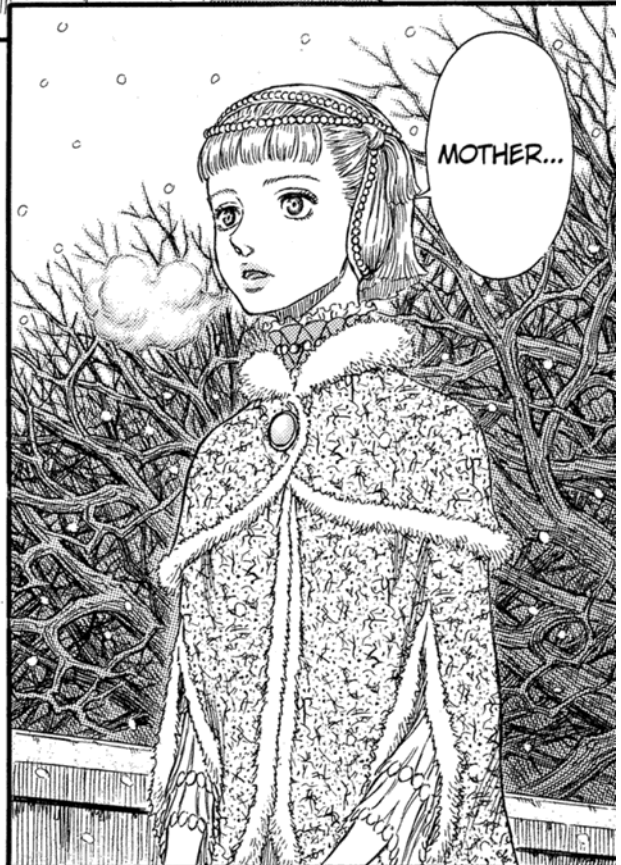
...COULD
PROBABLY
COME TO
BE KINDER
THAN ANYONE
ELSE.

IF YOU WERE
ABLE TO FIND
A PLACE FOR
YOURSELF
SOMEWHERE...

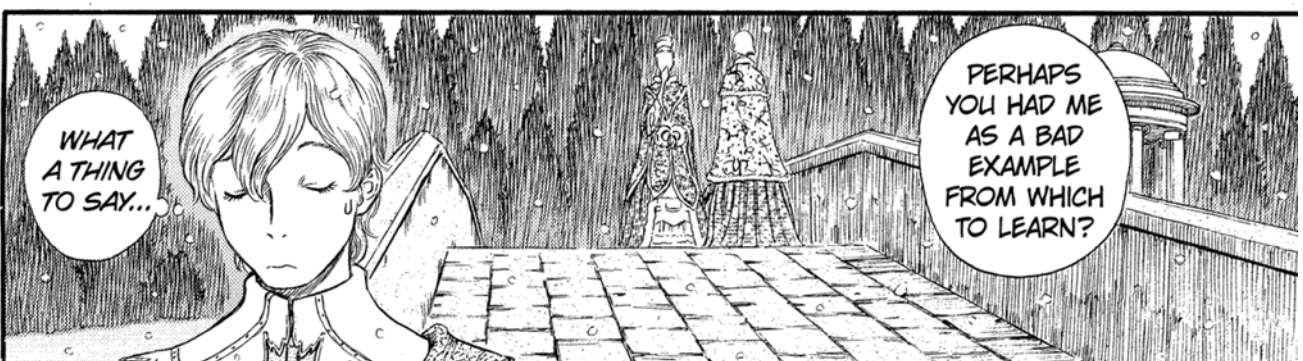
A woman in a fur-trimmed coat and a crown-like headpiece looks down at a small child in a similar coat.

BUT AS A
MOTHER,
I'M PROUD
TO HAVE A
DAUGHTER
LIKE YOU.

I DON'T
EXACTLY
REMEMBER
RAISING
YOU AS
SUCH...

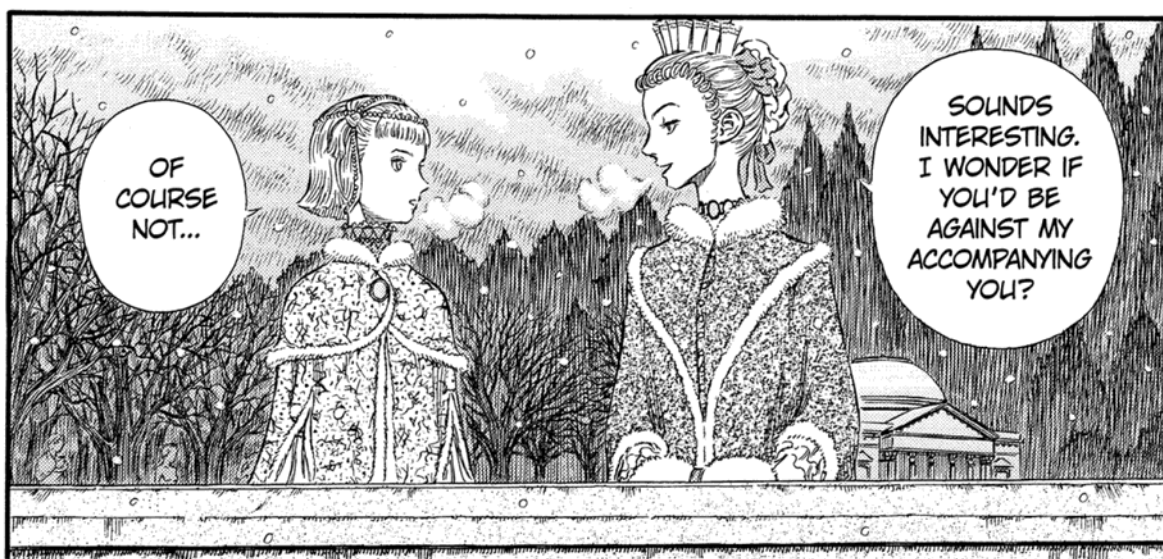
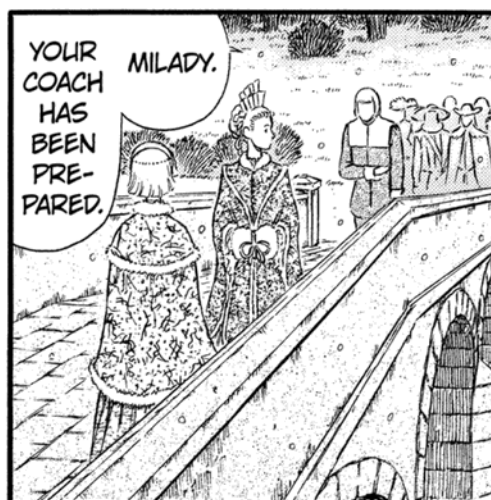
A young girl in a fur-trimmed coat and a headband looks up with a sad expression.

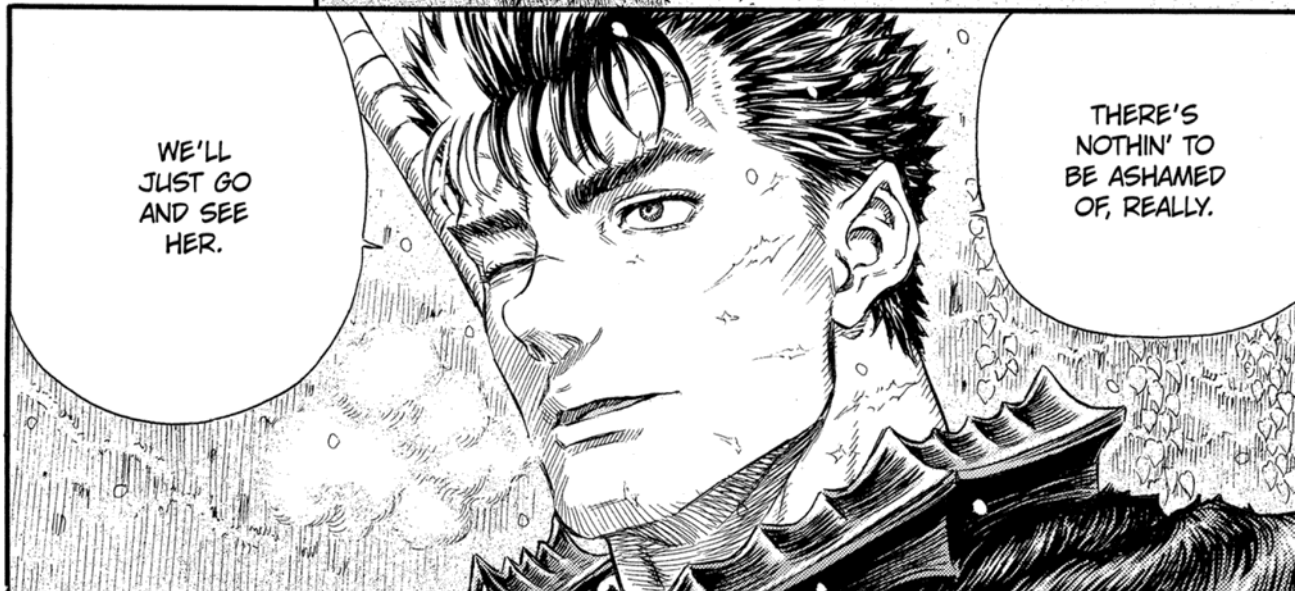
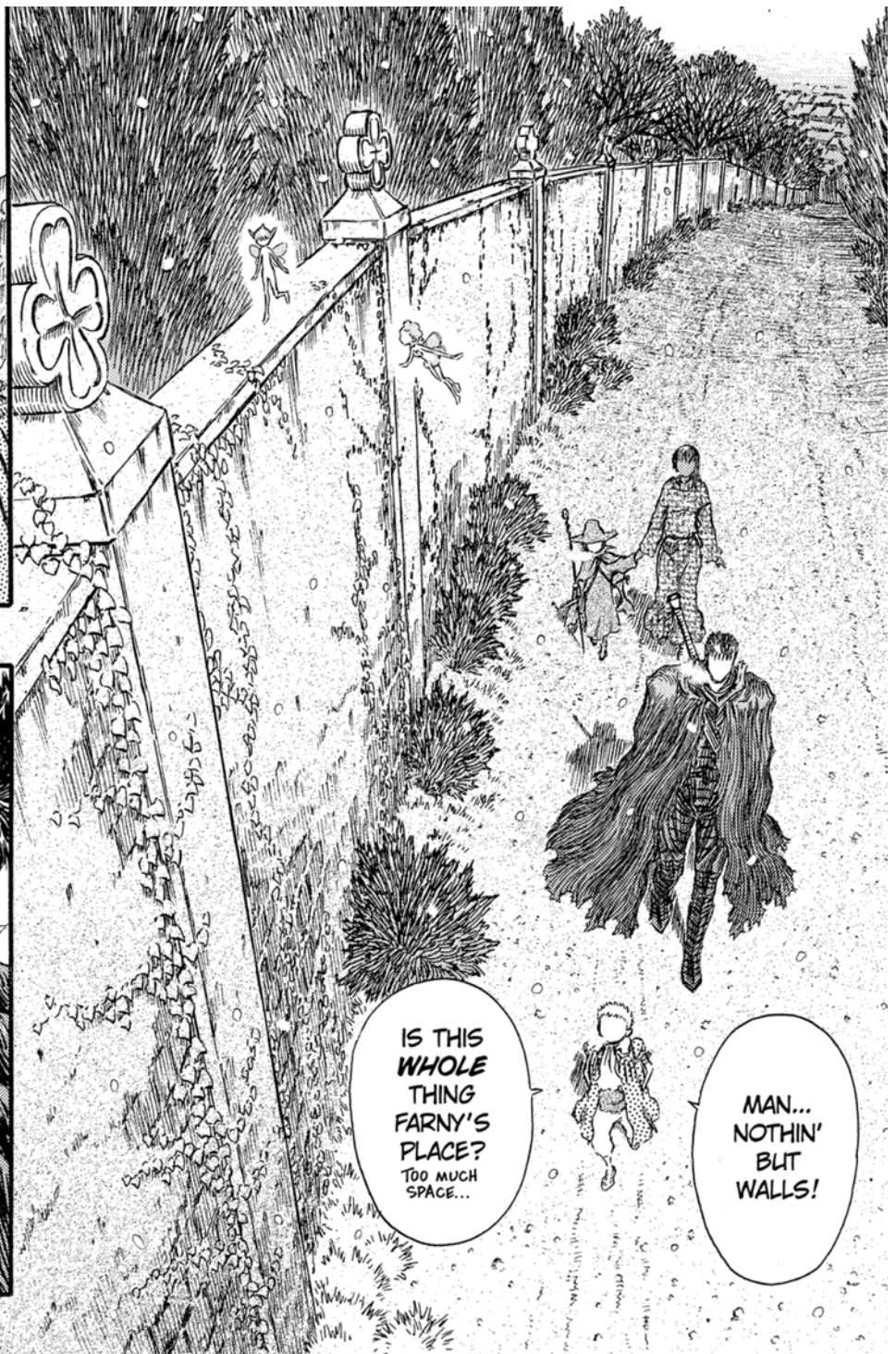
MOTHER...

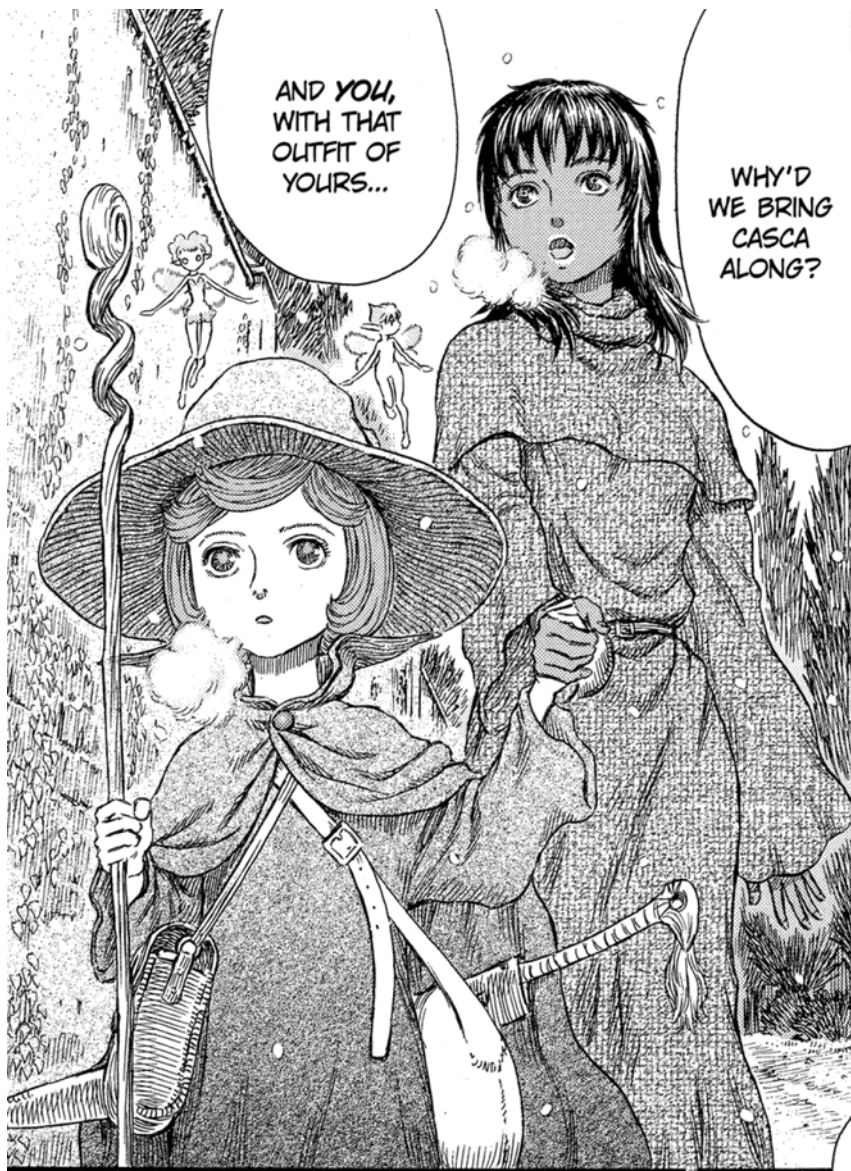
A young man in a winter coat stands on a stone path in a snowy forest. In the background, two figures in winter clothing stand near a small structure.

WHAT
A THING
TO SAY...

PERHAPS
YOU HAD ME
AS A BAD
EXAMPLE
FROM WHICH
TO LEARN?

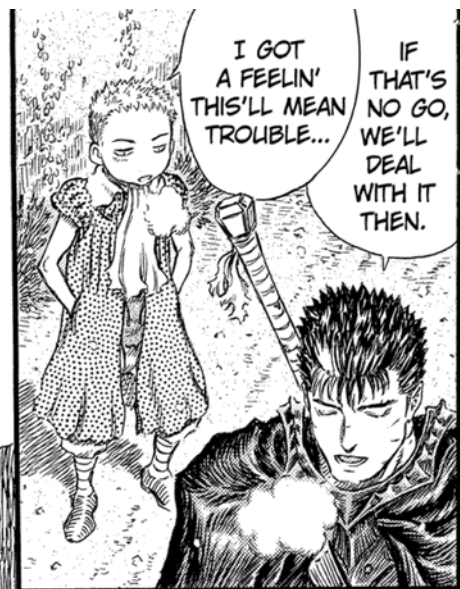






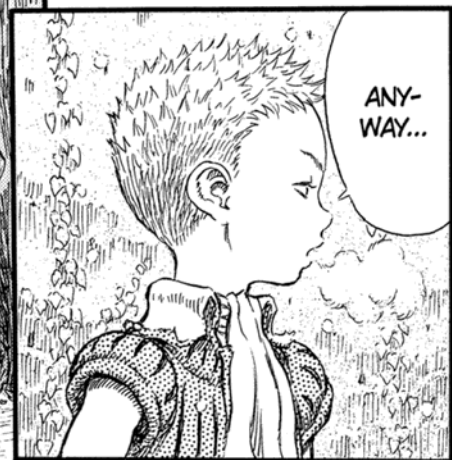
AND YOU,
WITH THAT
OUTFIT OF
YOURS...

WHY'D
WE BRING
CASCA
ALONG?

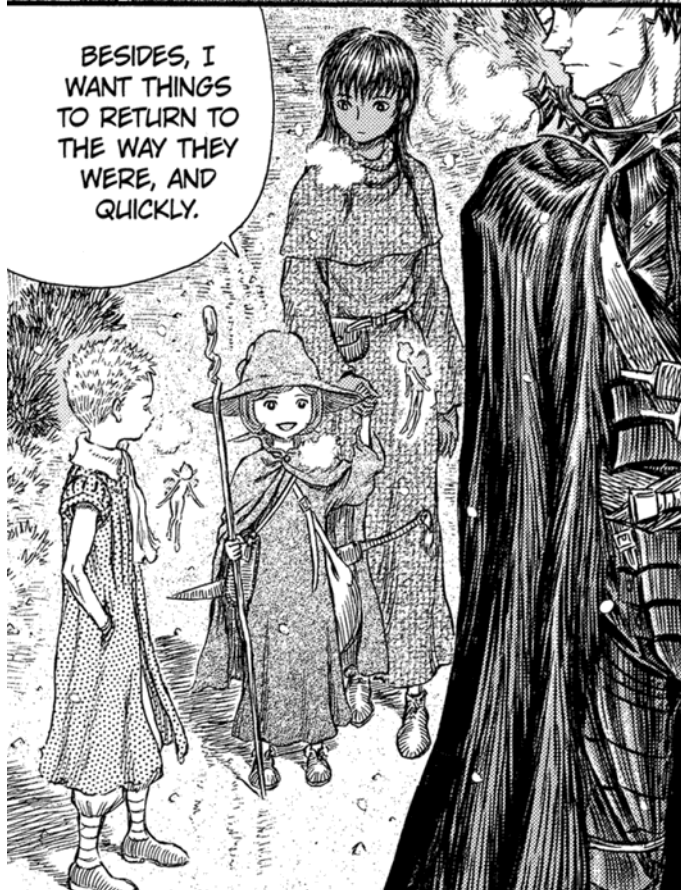


I GOT
A FEELIN'
THIS'LL MEAN
TROUBLE...

IF
THAT'S
NO GO,
WE'LL
DEAL
WITH IT
THEN.



ANY-
WAY...



BESIDES, I
WANT THINGS
TO RETURN TO
THE WAY THEY
WERE, AND
QUICKLY.



WELL,
YEAH,
THAT'S
TRUE.

WE COULD
NEVER LEAVE
CASCA BY
HERSELF AT
THE INN.

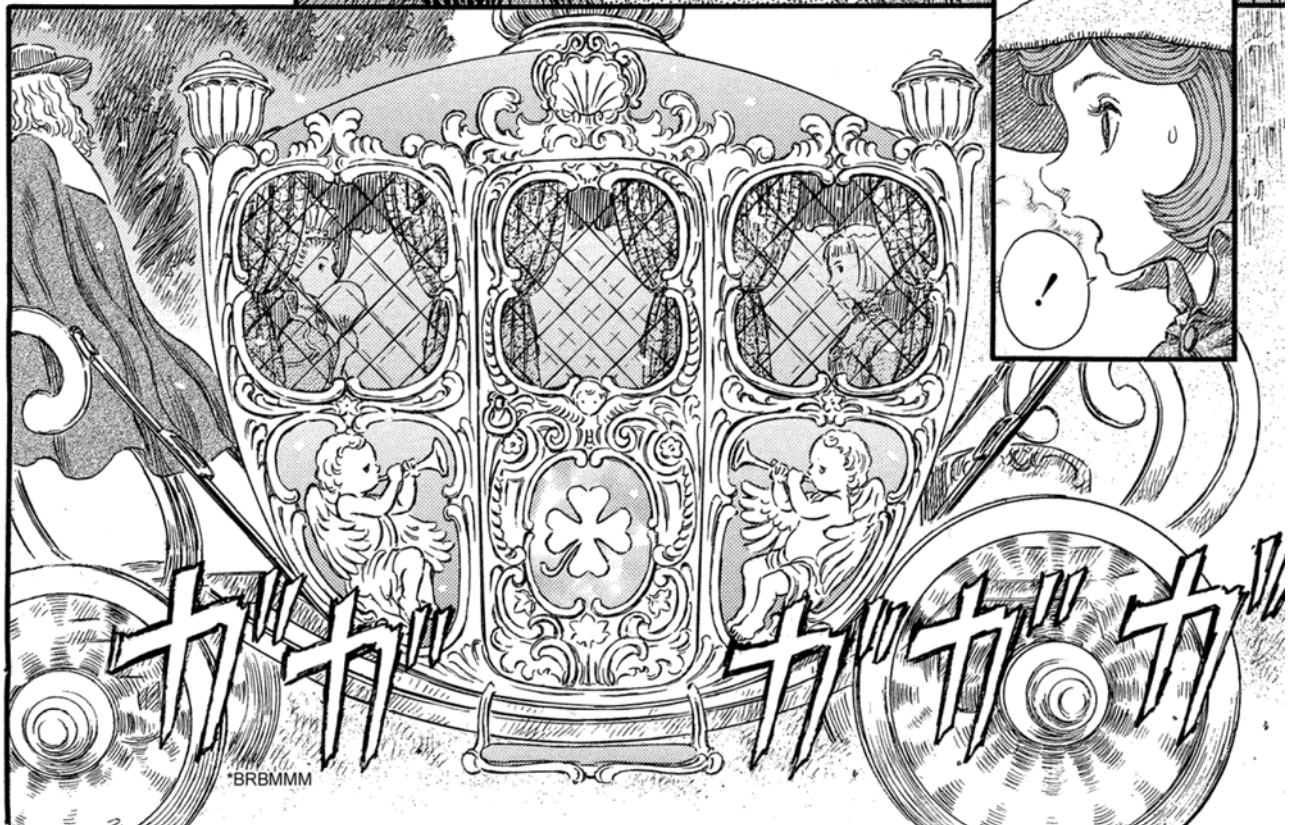
AND
SHE'LL
BE BAIT
TO LURE
FARNY
BACK.

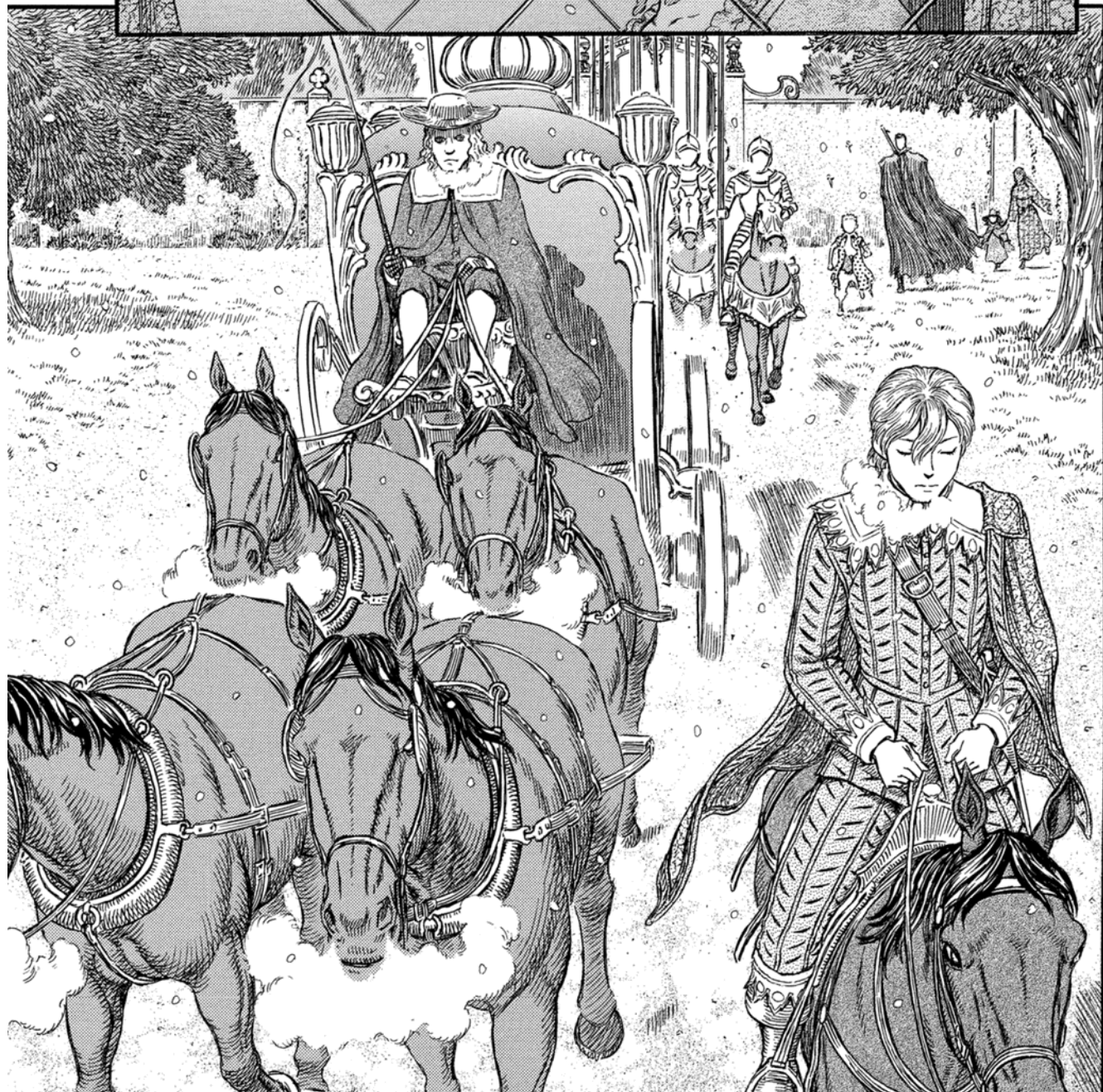
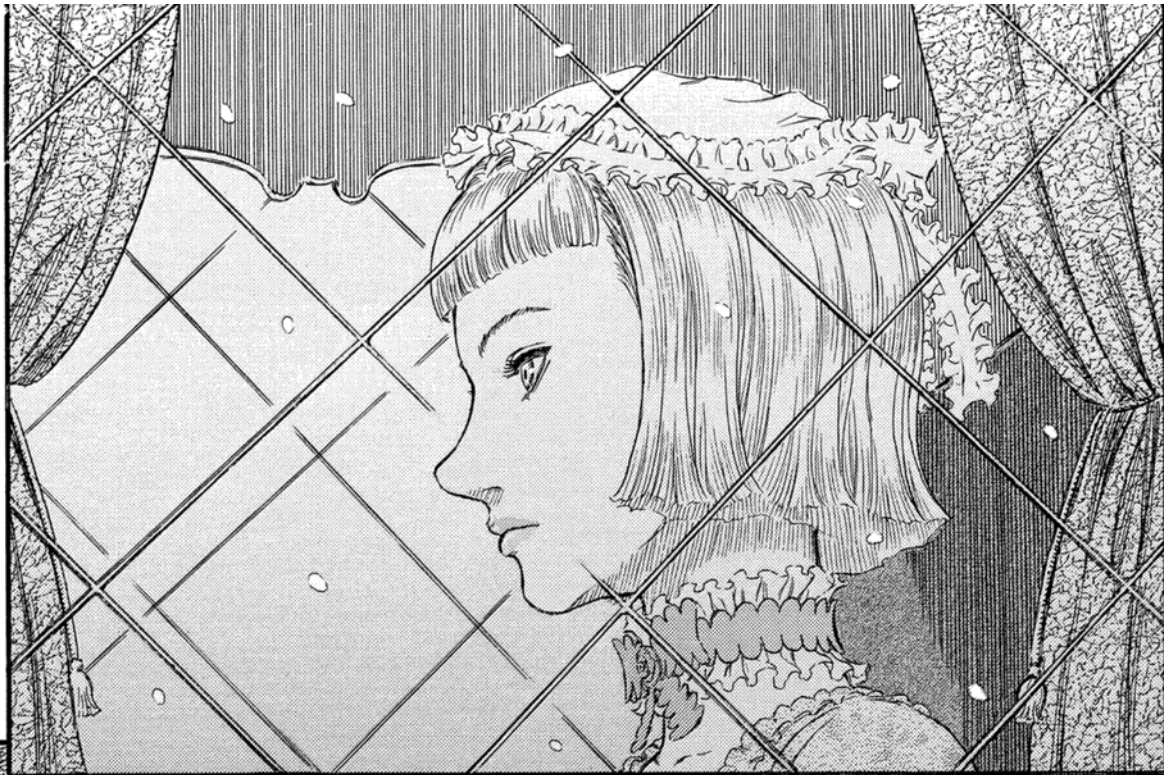


IN THAT
CASE, IT IS
EASIER
TO FOCUS
THIS WAY.

THE NEED
FOR MAGIC
MAY ALSO
ARISE.

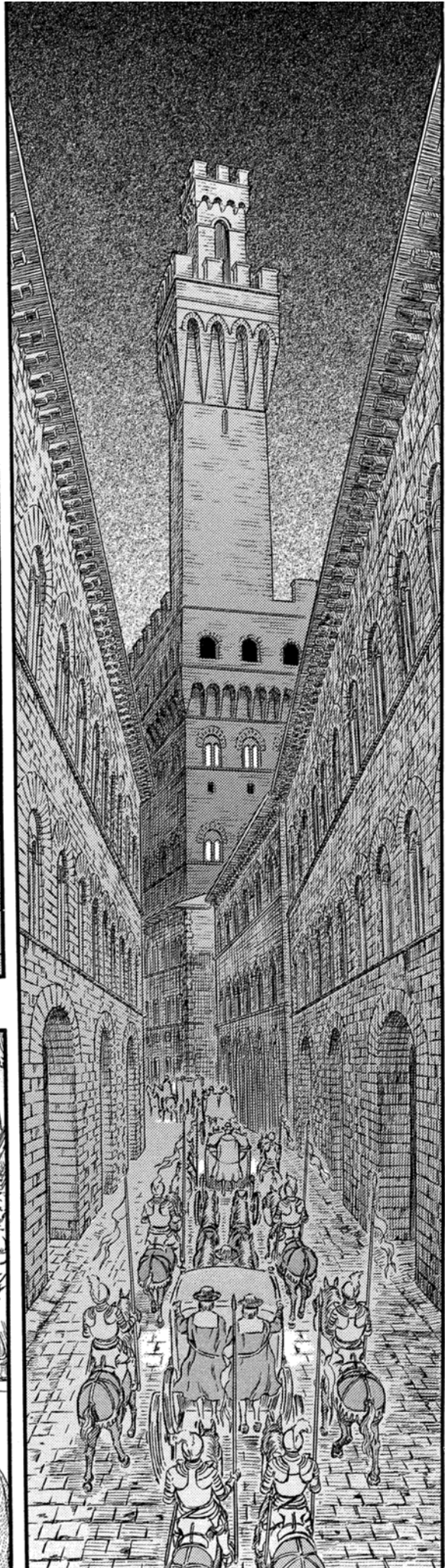
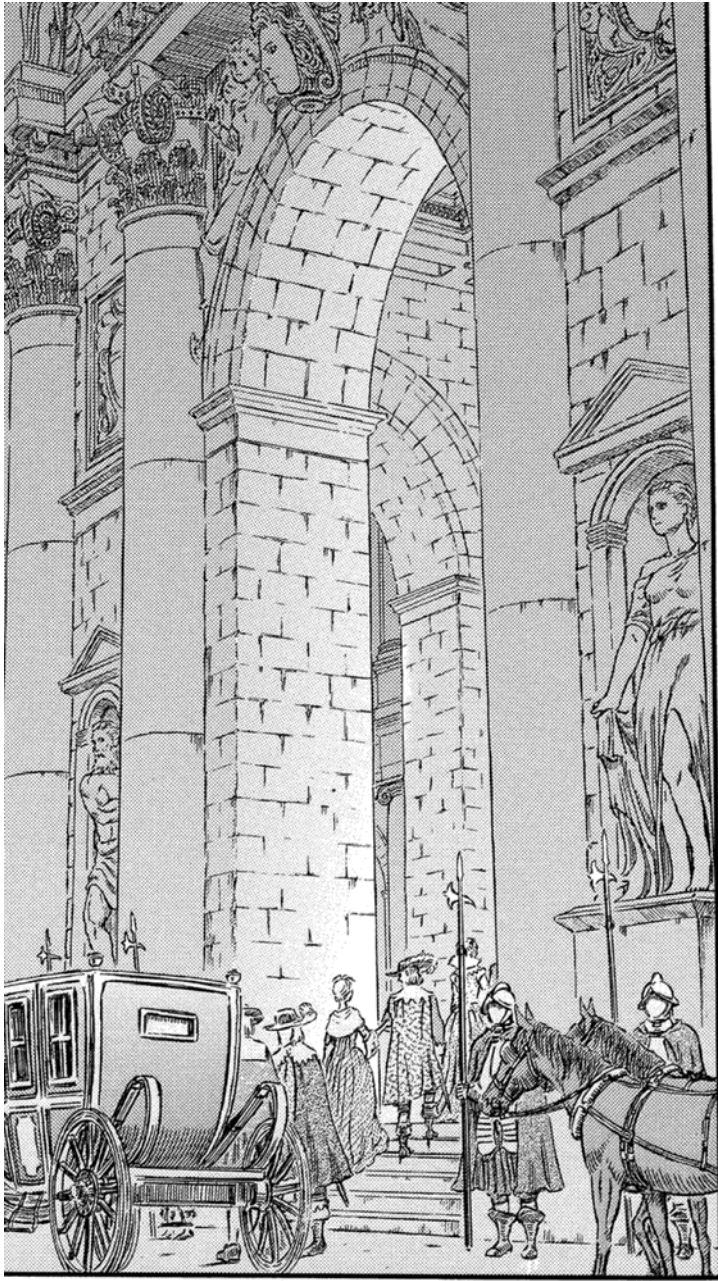
YUP,
WITCHES
ARE AS
WITCHES
WEAR.
♡

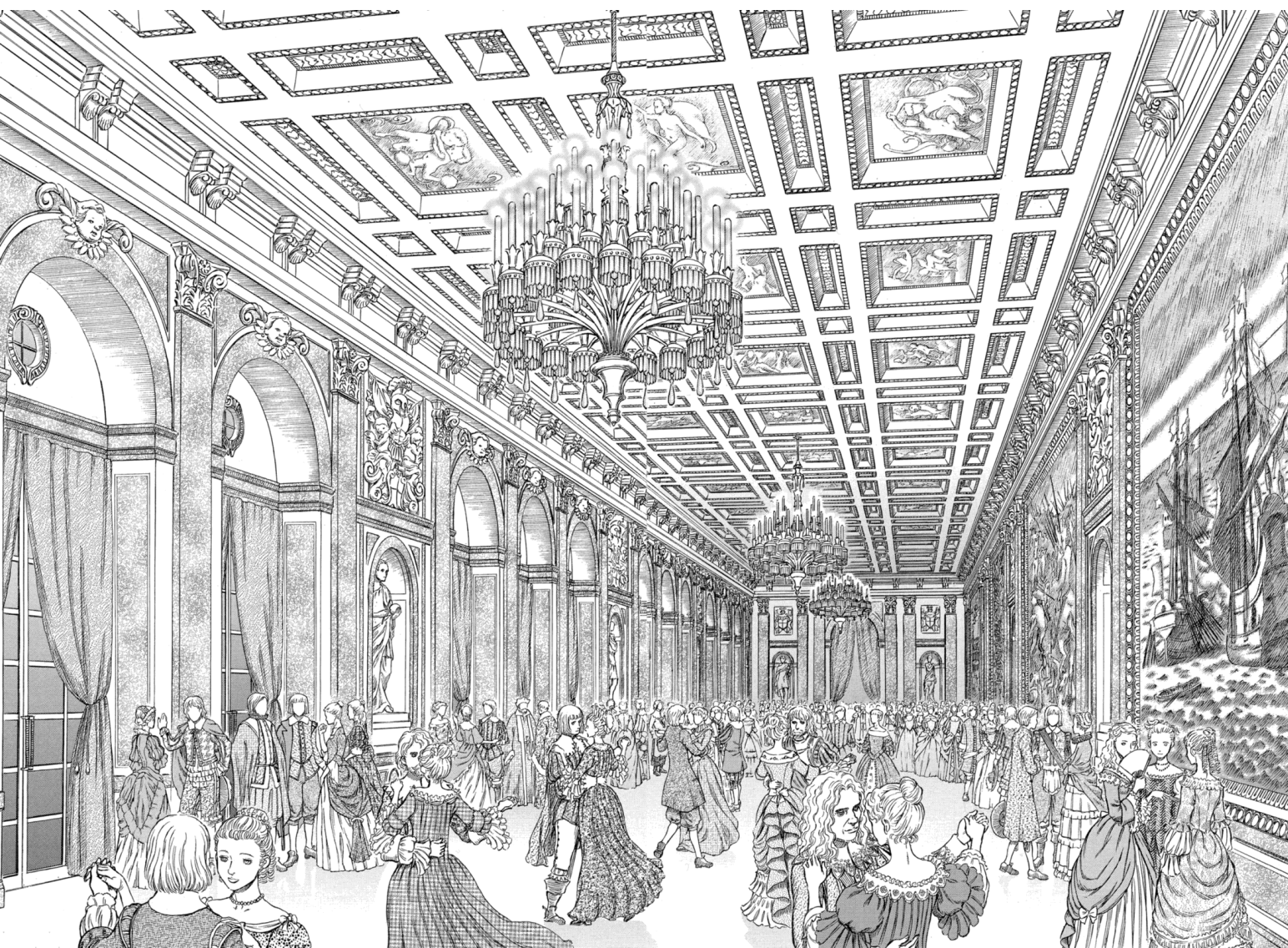




THE BALL
舞踏会

BERSERK





GRAND GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE HOLY SEE REALM, AND RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT PONTIFF.

POLIZIANO DO VANDIMION.

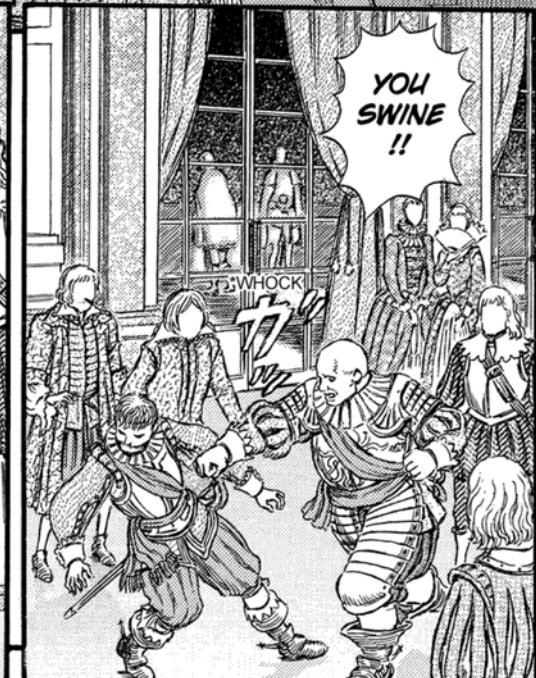
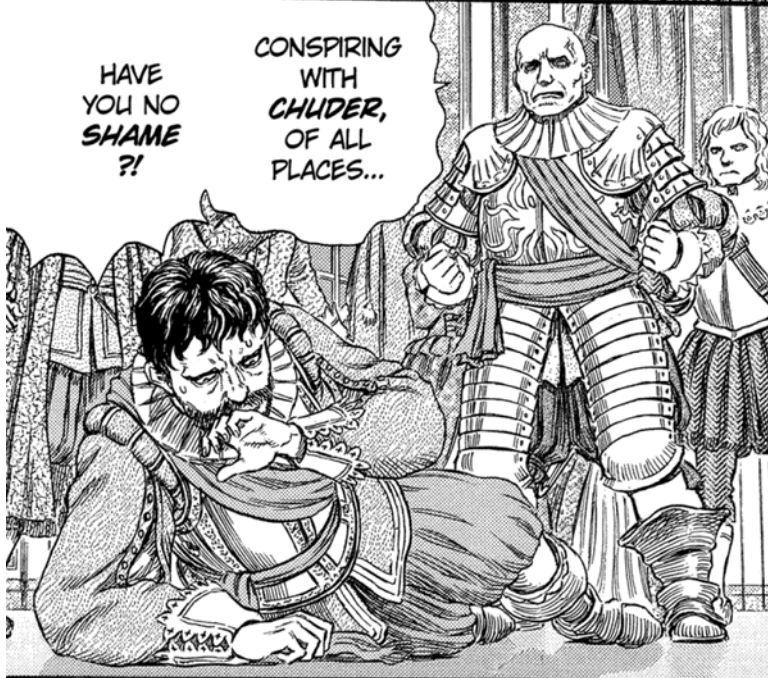
JOINT MANAGER OF THE VANDIMION BANK, FATHER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, AND IN REALITY THE NEXT HEAD OF THE VANDIMION FAMILY.

GIORGIO DO VANDIMION.



BUT THERE ARE MANY NATIONS THAT WOULD GET NOWHERE WERE IT NOT FOR VANDIMION BACKING.

THIS WAR WILL BE NO EXCEPTION.



EVEN IF THE KUSHAN
ARE REPELLED,
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT
EACH NATION'S ARMY
WILL BY NO MEANS
SHY AWAY FROM
REMAINING THERE.

THE PUBLIC REASON
FOR THIS WAR IS TO
RECAPTURE HOLY SEE
TERRITORY FROM
THE KUSHAN INVASION,
BUT EACH NATION'S
TRUE MOTIVE IS TO
CARVE MIDLAND'S
DOMAIN INTO AS
MANY PIECES AS
POSSIBLE.

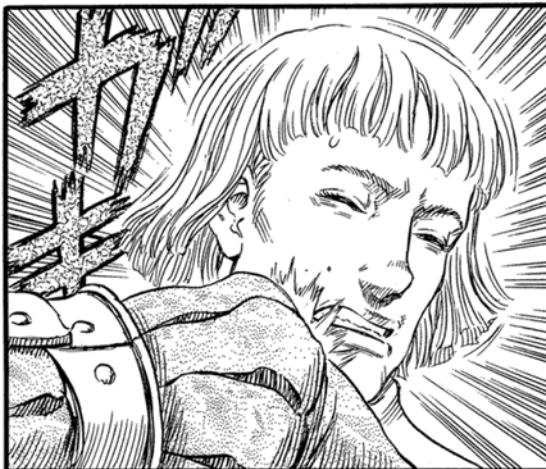
IF THEY CONDUCT
THEMSELVES
WELL, THEY MIGHT
AT LEAST PROCURE
THE POSITION
OF REGIONAL
GOVERNOR-
GENERAL.

THAT'S
WHERE
THEIR
THOUGHTS
LIE.

TO THAT
END, WHAT
COUNTRY,
WHAT POWER,
WILL THEY
SIDE WITH?

AND NOW,
WITH NO
KINGDOM,
HOW WILL
THEY REGAIN
THEIR TERRI-
TORIES?

*FX: WHACK



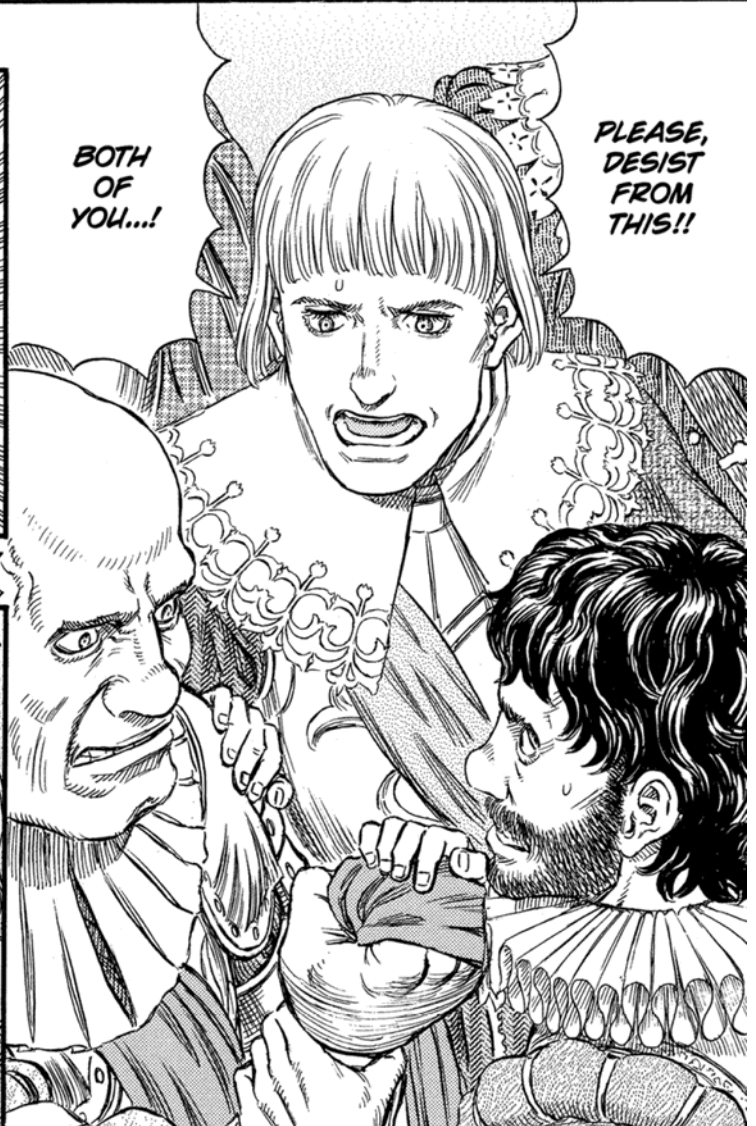
**BOTH
OF
YOU...!**

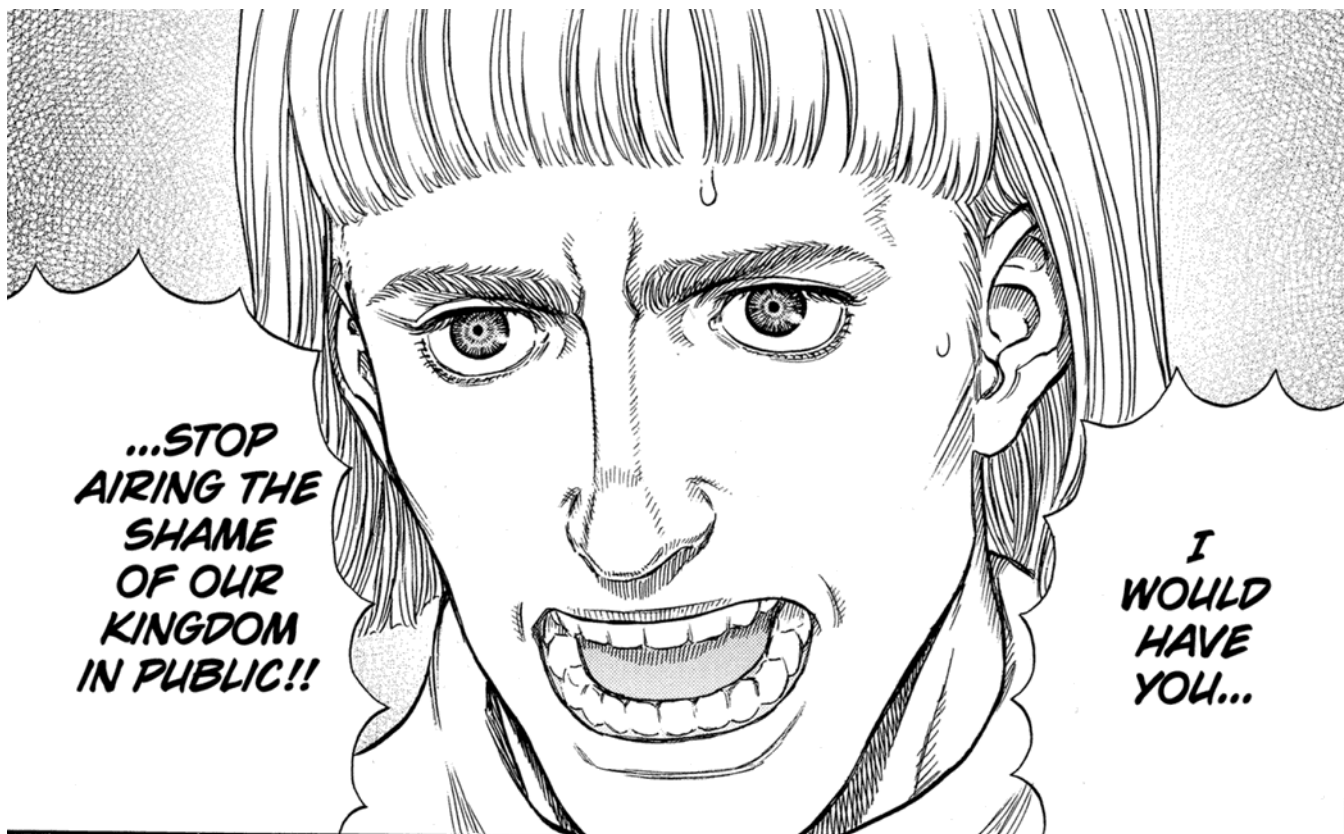
**PLEASE,
DESIST
FROM
THIS!!**

**UNHAND
ME!!**

**ARGHH
!!**

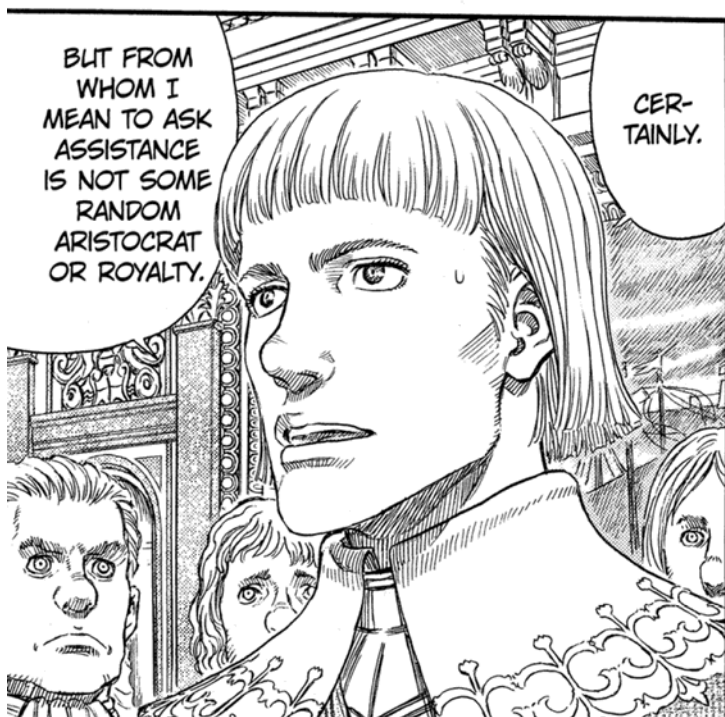
**STOP
IT!!**





...STOP
AIRING THE
SHAME
OF OUR
KINGDOM
IN PUBLIC!!

I
WOULD
HAVE
YOU...



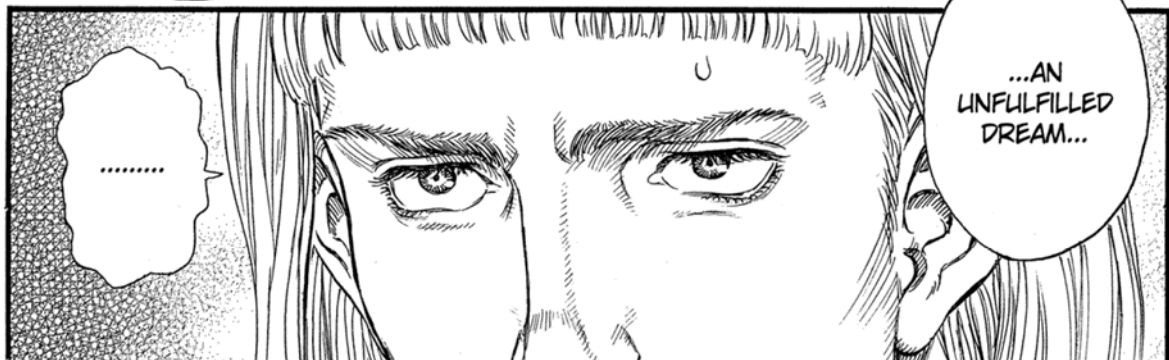
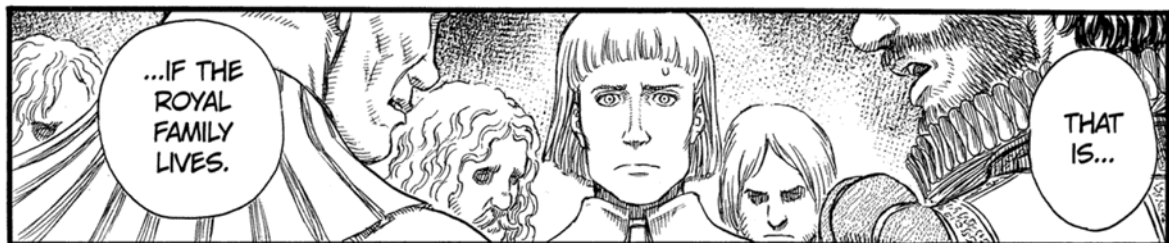
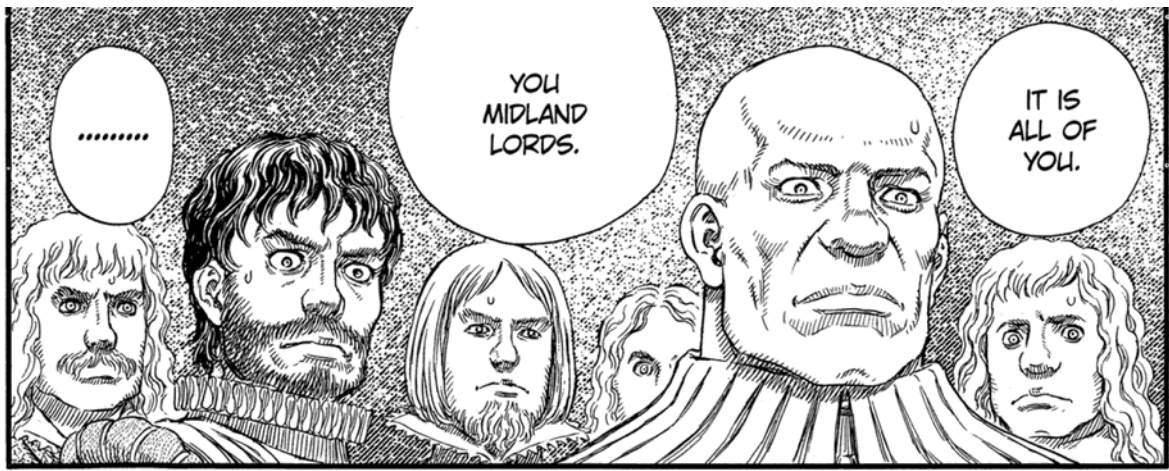
BUT FROM
WHOM I
MEAN TO ASK
ASSISTANCE
IS NOT SOME
RANDOM
ARISTOCRAT
OR ROYALTY.

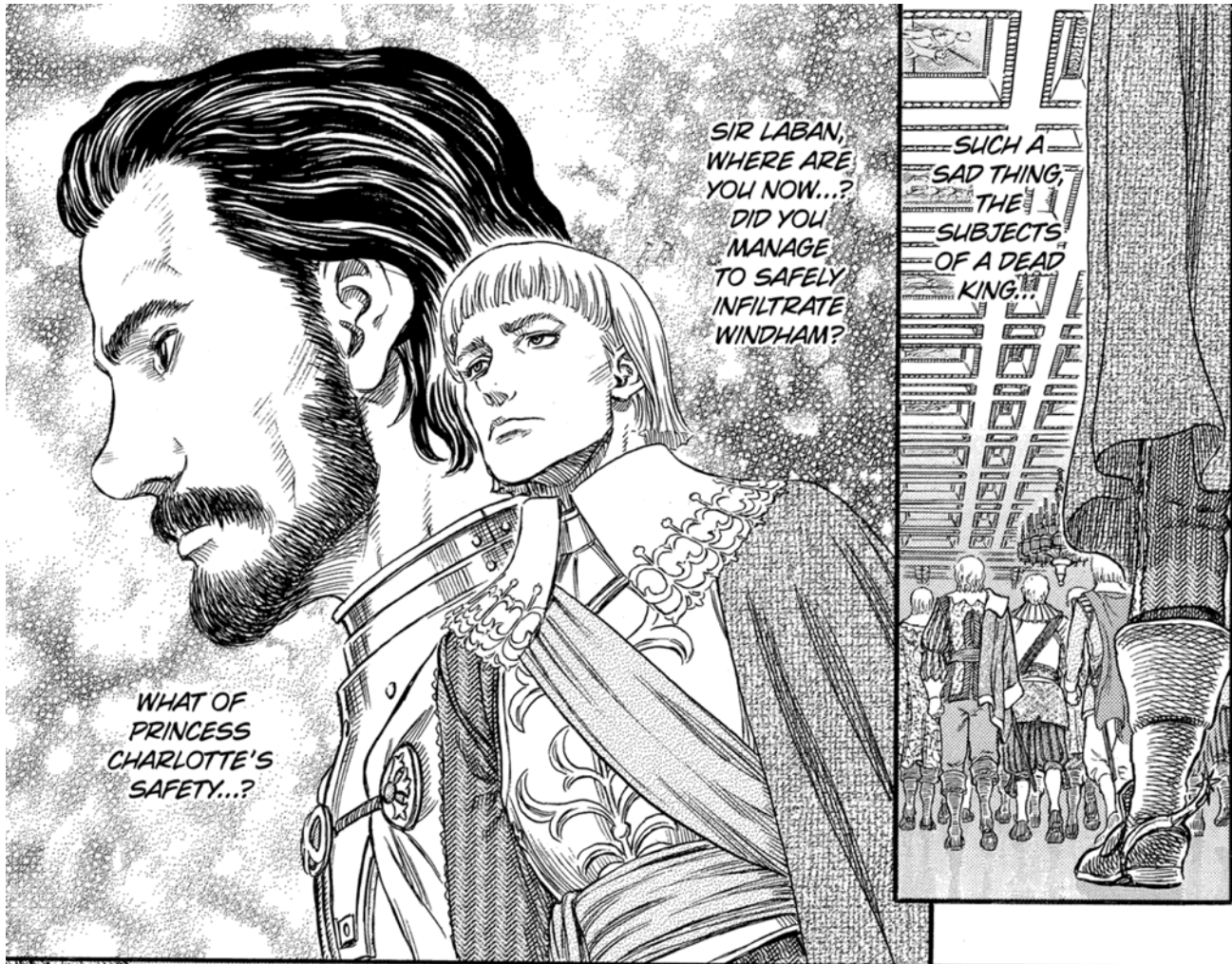
CER-
TAINLY.



SIR
OWEN.

DIDN'T
WE NOBLES
EACH COME
TO THIS
PLACE IN
SEARCH OF
ASSISTANCE?





SIR LABAN,
WHERE ARE
YOU NOW...?
DID YOU
MANAGE
TO SAFELY
INFILTRATE
WINDHAM?

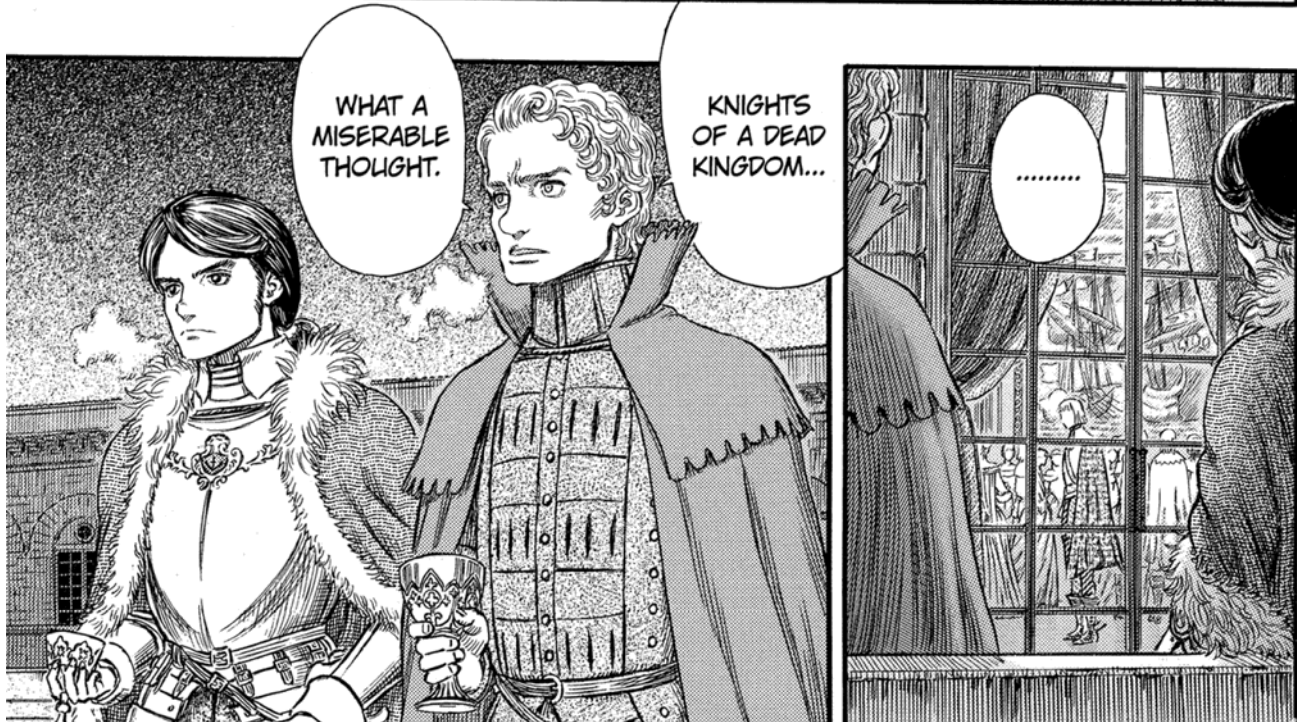
SUCH A
SAD THING,
THE
SUBJECTS
OF A DEAD
KING...

WHAT OF
PRINCESS
CHARLOTTE'S
SAFETY...?



...AND IT
STINGS.

I CAN DO
NOTHING
FOR YOU...



WHAT A
MISERABLE
THOUGHT.

KNIGHTS
OF A DEAD
KINGDOM...

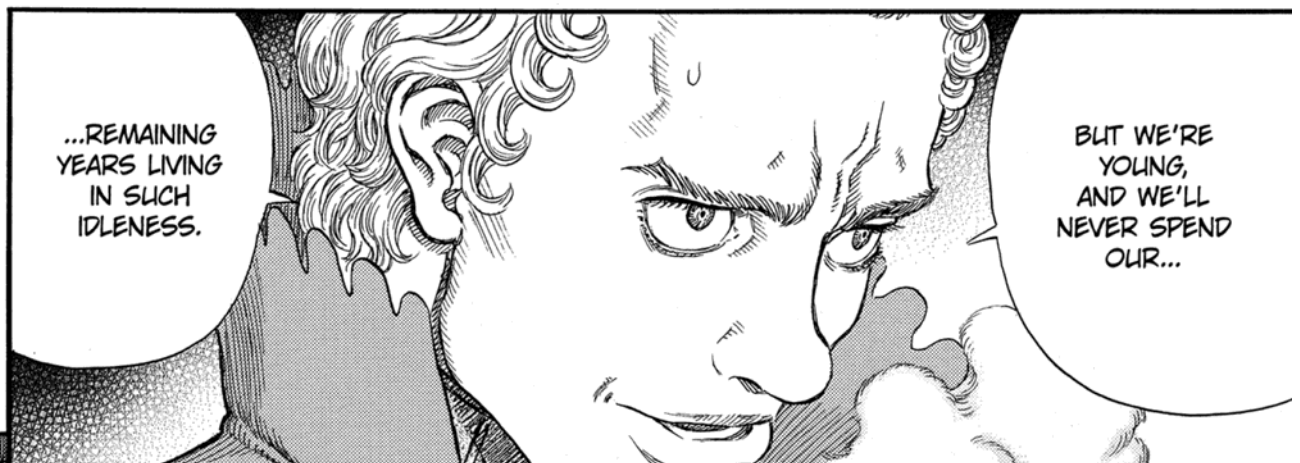


AND AS ONE
DESPAIRED
BY HIS OWN
FAMILY, I SAY
THE SAME.



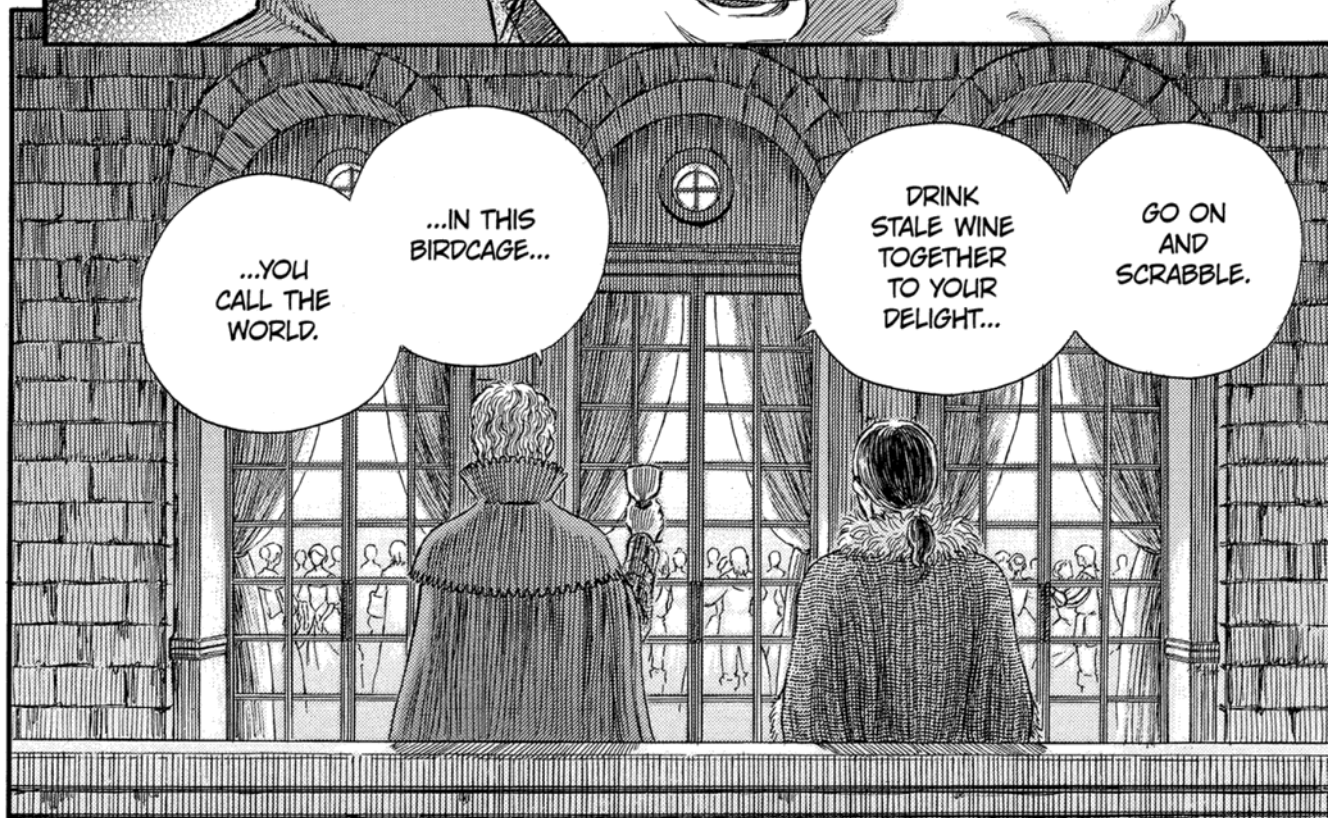
...MY
HAT'S
OFF TO
THEM.

SPEAKING
AS ONE
DESPAIRED BY
HIS OWN
COUNTRY...



...REMAINING
YEARS LIVING
IN SUCH
IDLENESS.

BUT WE'RE
YOUNG,
AND WE'LL
NEVER SPEND
OUR...



...YOU
CALL THE
WORLD.

...IN THIS
BIRDCAGE...

DRINK
STALE WINE
TOGETHER
TO YOUR
DELIGHT...

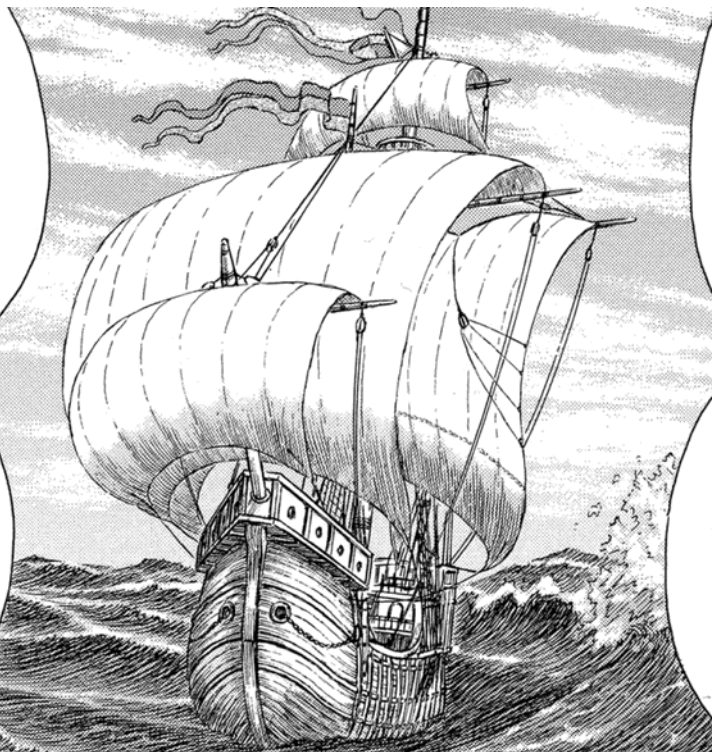
GO ON
AND
SCRABBLE.

HE WHO
OPENS THE
UNKNOWN
SEA ROUTES
AND SETS
FOOT UPON
UNEXPLORED
LANDS...

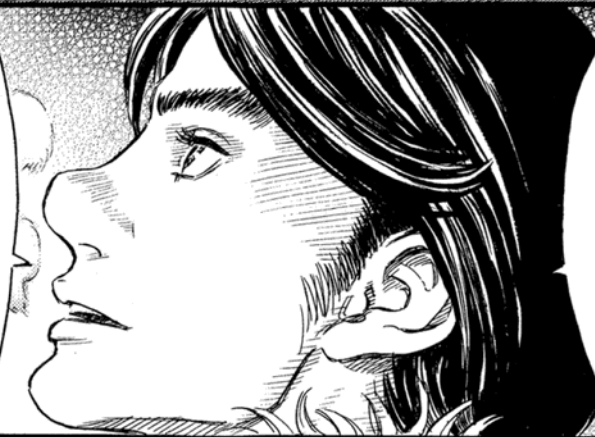
HE WHO
CONQUERS
THOSE
WILL BE THE
CONQUEROR
OF THE AGE.

WHAT'S TO
COME IS NOT
AN AGE OF
THE GENTLE,
FULLY MAPPED
INLAND SEAS...

...BUT
OF THE
RAGING,
OPEN
OCEAN.

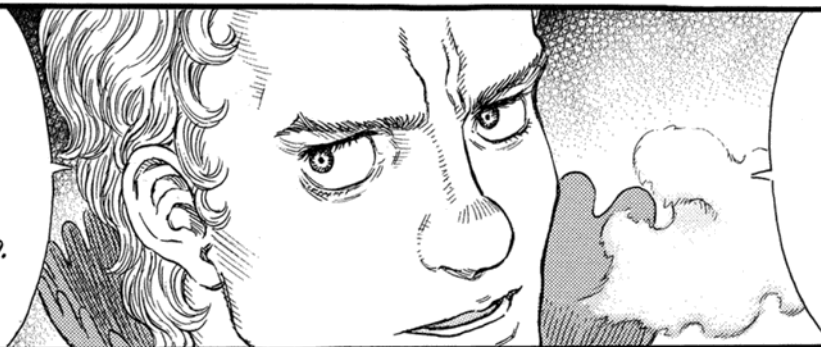


IITH, ON THE NORTHERN
FRONTIER, SURROUNDED BY
OCEAN, HAS, UNLIKE OTHER
PRINCIPALITIES, BUILT UP A
HISTORY OF SHIPBUILDING,
SEAFARING, AND A REFUSAL
TO YIELD TO THE ROUGH SEA.
PAYING NO MIND TO THAT
SUPERIORITY, THEIR INSULAR-
ISM MAKES THEM LOATHE THE
INTERVENTION OF OTHER
NATIONS, AND THEY THINK OF
NOTHING BUT SECLUSION.



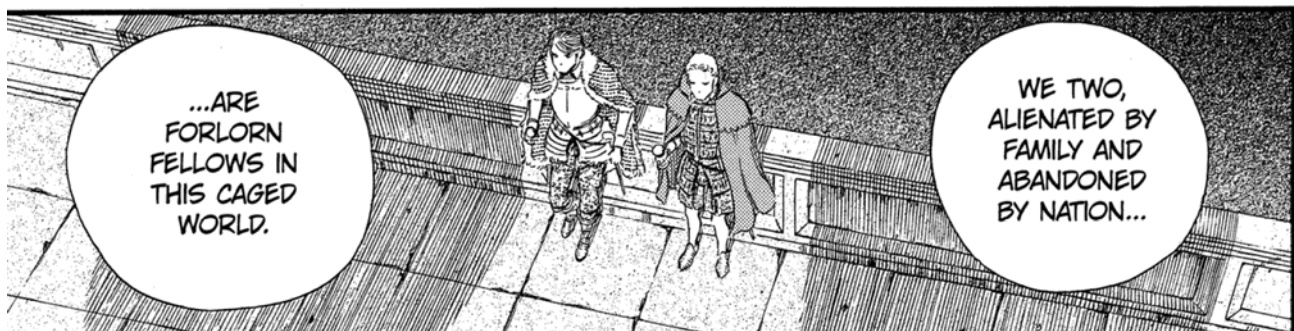
NEITHER MY
FATHER NOR
MY SUBJECTS
ACTUALLY
UNDERSTAND
THAT POINT.

...HOW TO
MOVE AND
REARRANGE
PIECES ON
HIS LIMITED
CHESSBOARD.



MY FATHER
IS THE SAME.
HE DISPLAYS
INTEREST IN
NOTHING
BEYOND...

...ARE
FORLORN
FELLOWS IN
THIS CAGED
WORLD.



WE TWO,
ALIENATED BY
FAMILY AND
ABANDONED
BY NATION...



...WE'LL
JUST PUT
TO SEA.

IF
WE'RE TO
WANDER
FORLORN...



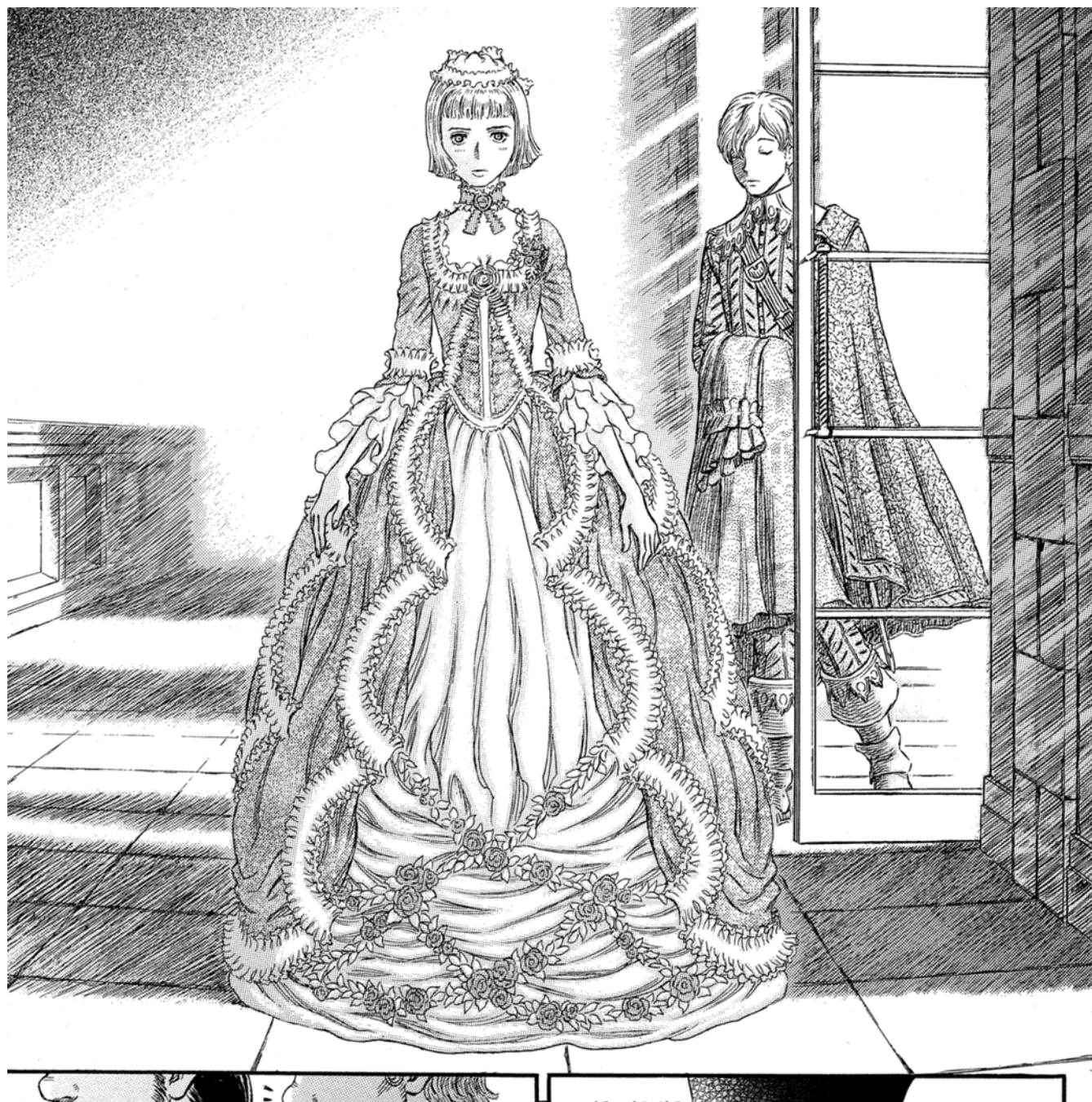
WE WILL
SEIZE THE
COMING
AGE.



OUR BOND,
THE GODDESS
OF VICTORY,
ARRIVES.



BROTHER.



I LIKE
THAT SIDE
OF YOU...

HOLD
THAT
THOUGHT,
MANIFICO.



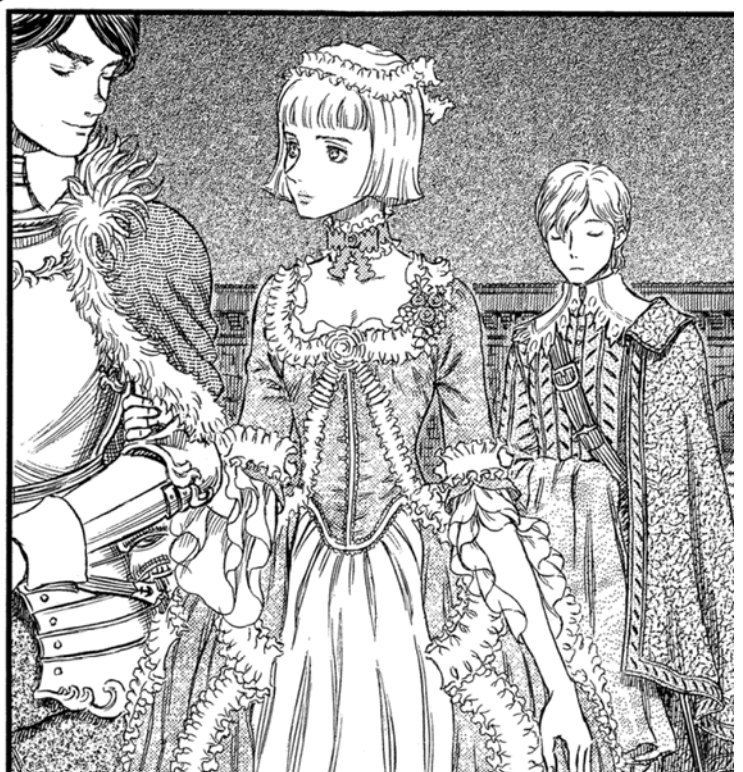
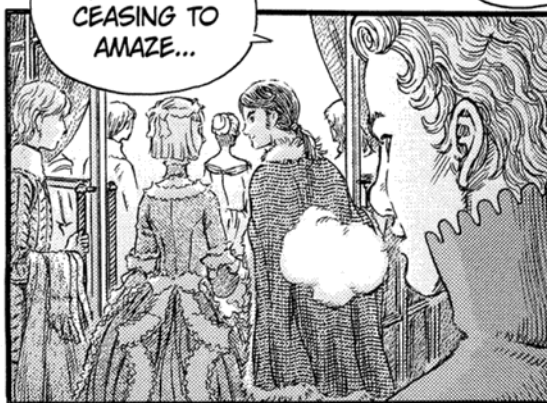
...ENOUGH
INELEGANT
TALK.

BUT
FOR
NOW...

...HE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
CANCEL IT
ON PERIL OF
HIS HONOR
AS FAMILY
HEAD. ONCE
THAT'S
DONE, NOT
ONLY YOU
AND I, BUT
VANDIMION
AND IITH
WILL BE...



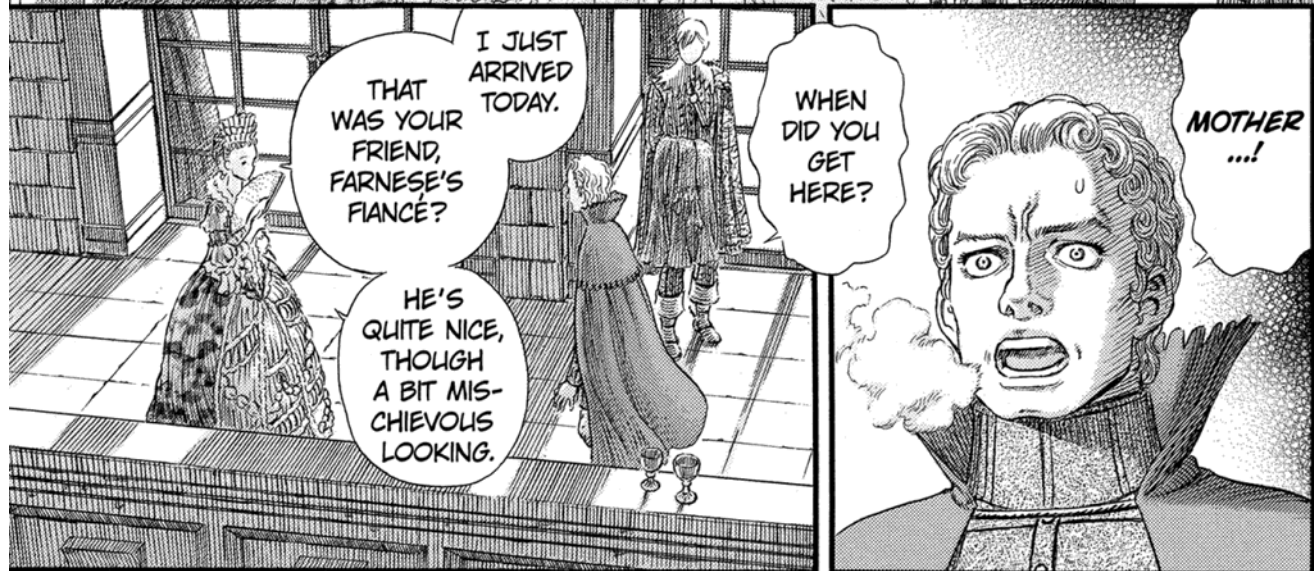
NO MATTER
WHAT
FATHER MAY
SAY, WE'RE
IN PUBLIC.
ONCE THIS
BETROTHAL
IS OFFICIALLY
ANNOUNCED
...





...MANIFICO?

WON'T YOU
INTRODUCE
ME, TOO...



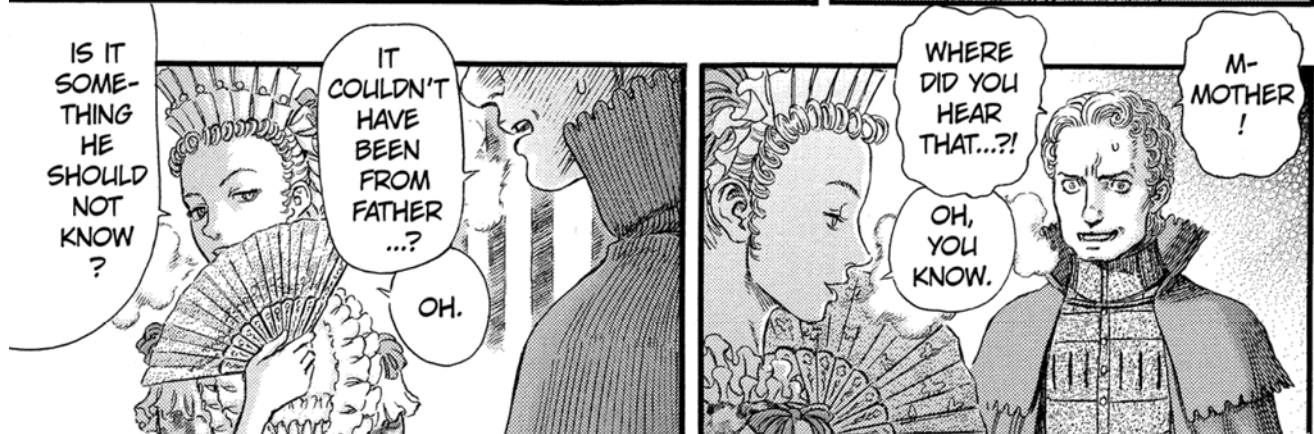
THAT
WAS YOUR
FRIEND,
FARNESE'S
FIANCE?

I JUST
ARRIVED
TODAY.

HE'S
QUITE NICE,
THOUGH
A BIT MIS-
CHIEVOUS
LOOKING.

WHEN
DID YOU
GET
HERE?

MOTHER
...!



IS IT
SOME-
THING
HE
SHOULD
NOT
KNOW
?

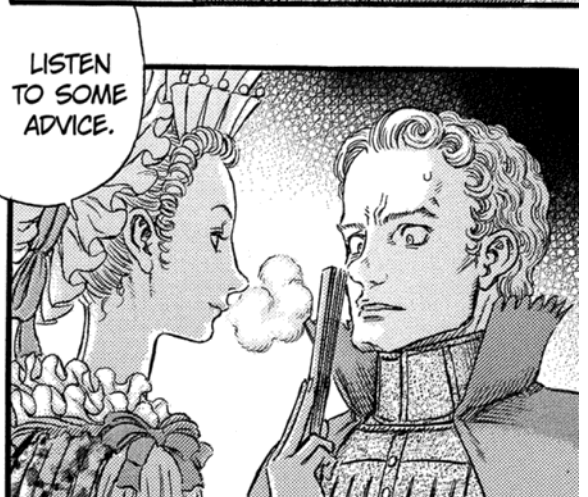
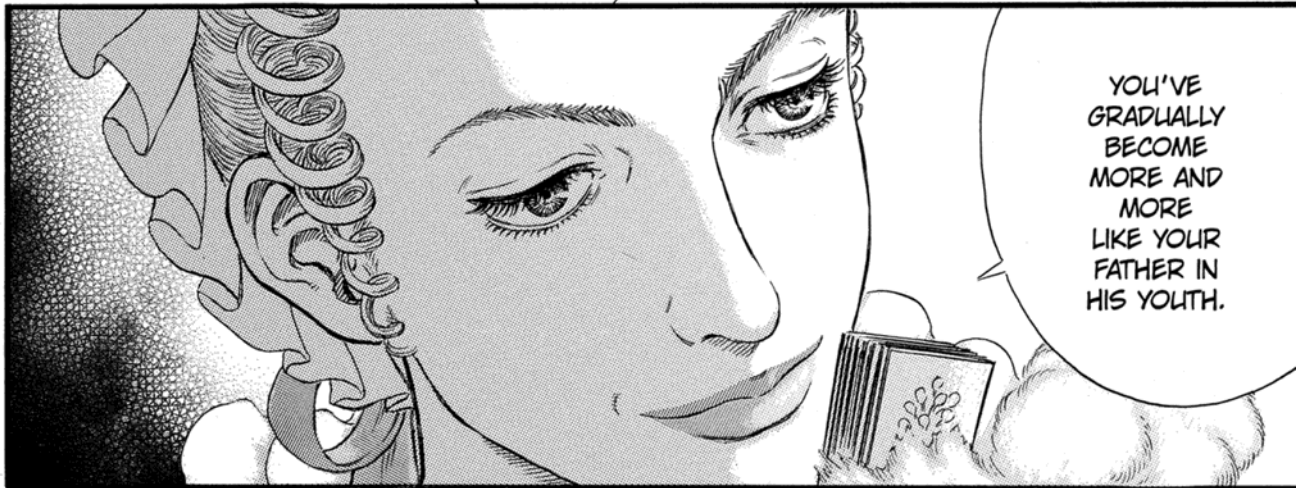
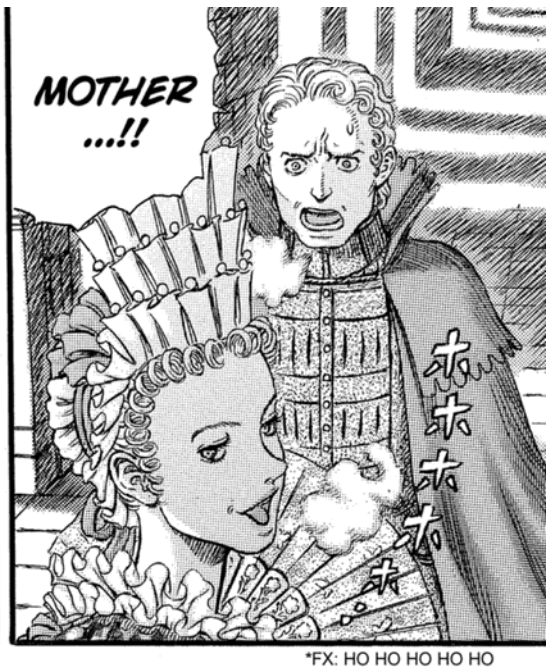
IT
COULDN'T
HAVE
BEEN
FROM
FATHER
...?

OH.

WHERE
DID YOU
HEAR
THAT...?!

OH,
YOU
KNOW.

M-
MOTHER
!





...AT PEACE
WITHIN THE
SCHEMES
OF MEN.

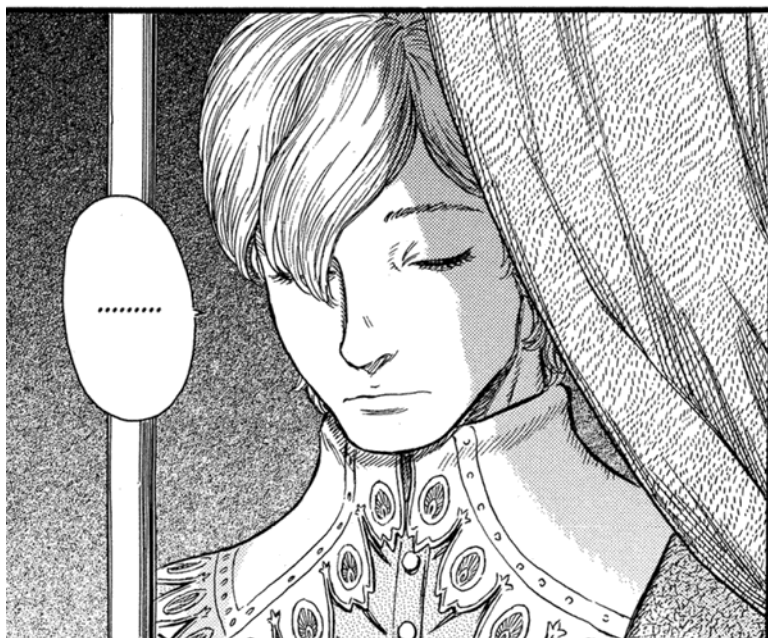
SHE'S NOT
THE KIND
OF WOMAN
WHO'S...



JUST LIKE
YOUR
FATHER.

YOU'LL BE
SORRY IF
YOU DON'T
LISTEN.

WHAT
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO--



.....

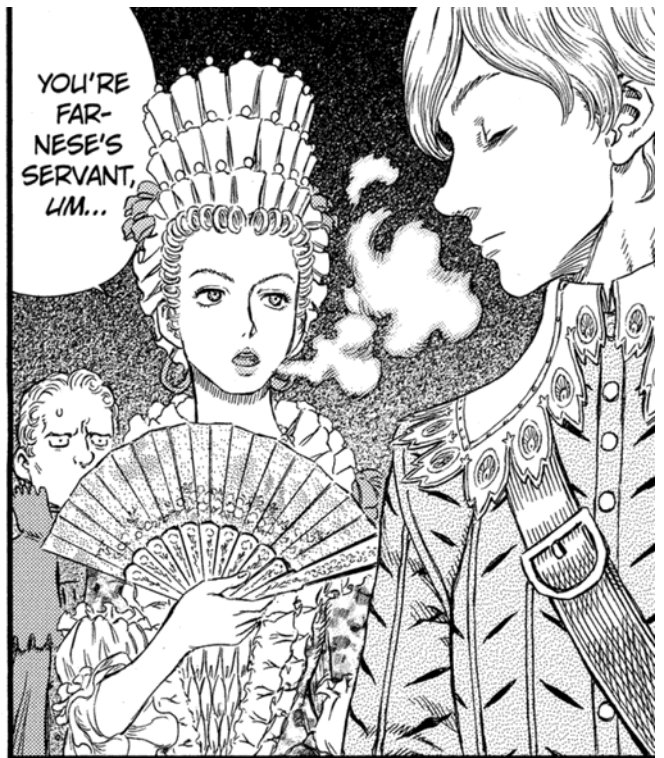




YES, I REMEMBER NOW.

I AM SERPICO, MADAM.

IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE YOU CAME TO THE ESTATE.



YOU'RE FAR-NESE'S SERVANT, LIM...

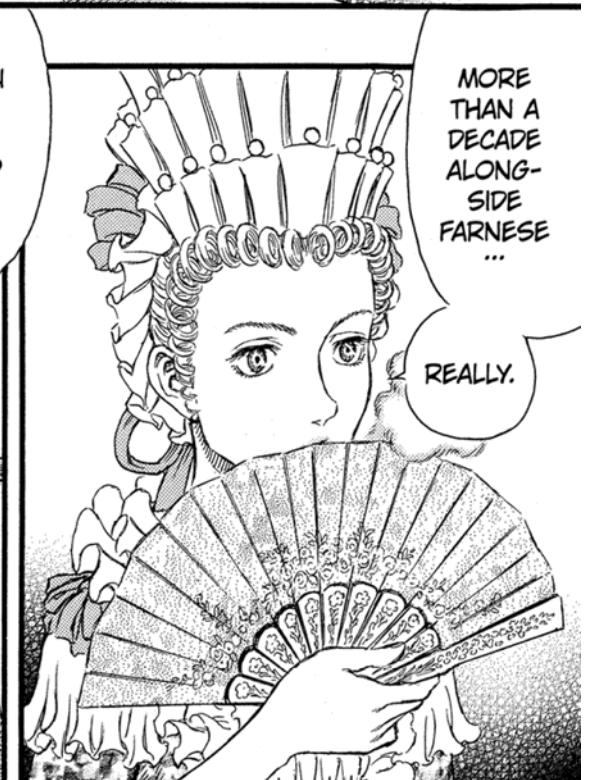


MY LIFE WAS SAVED BY LADY FARNESE AT A YOUNG AGE. DUE TO THAT, I RECEIVED THE HONOR OF BEING BY HER SIDE.

IT HAS BEEN OVER TEN YEARS.

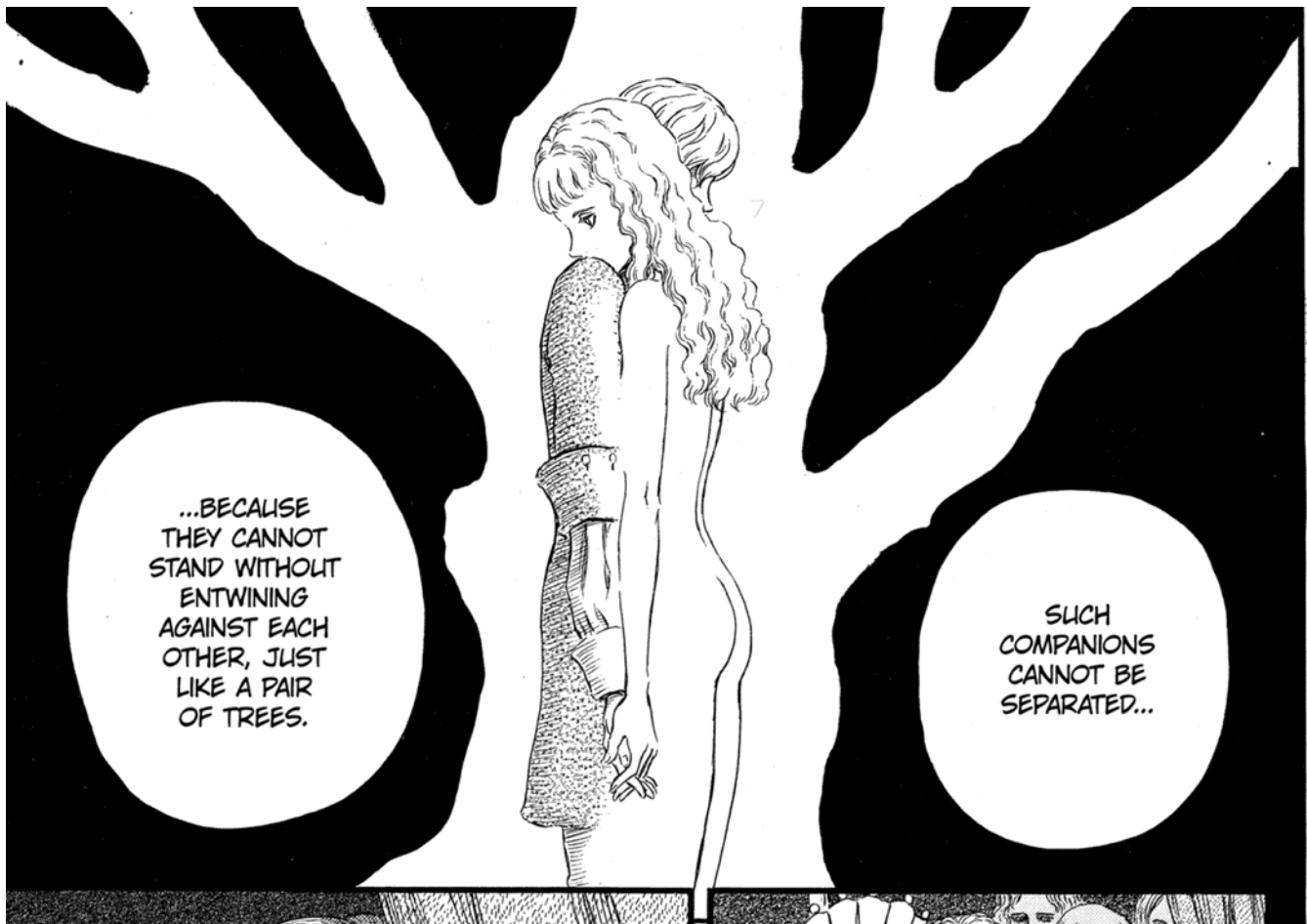


THEN YOU MUST BE FAIRLY **WARPED** AS WELL.



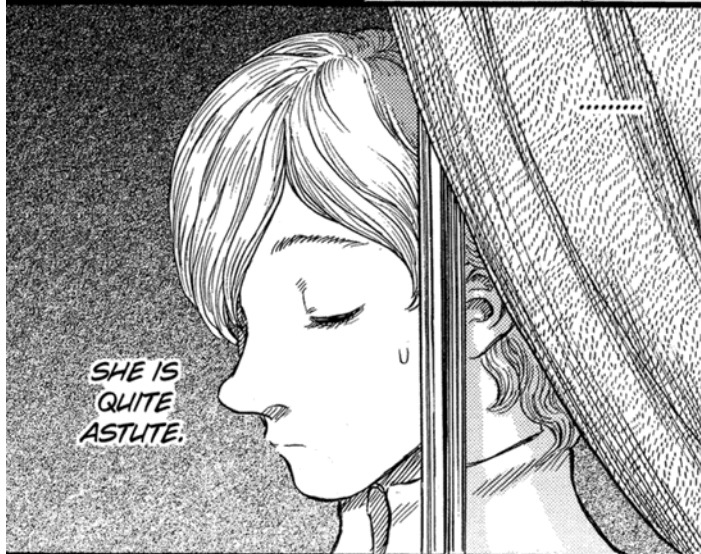
MORE THAN A DECADE ALONG-SIDE FARNESE ...

REALLY.

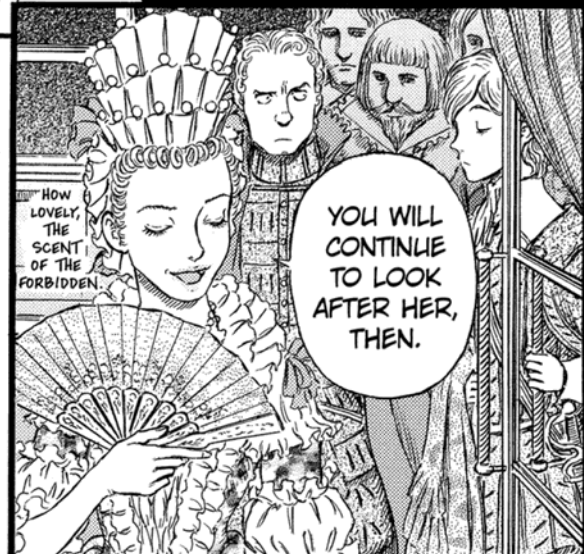


...BECAUSE
THEY CANNOT
STAND WITHOUT
ENTWINING
AGAINST EACH
OTHER, JUST
LIKE A PAIR
OF TREES.

SUCH
COMPANIONS
CANNOT BE
SEPARATED...



SHE IS
QUITE
ASTUTE.

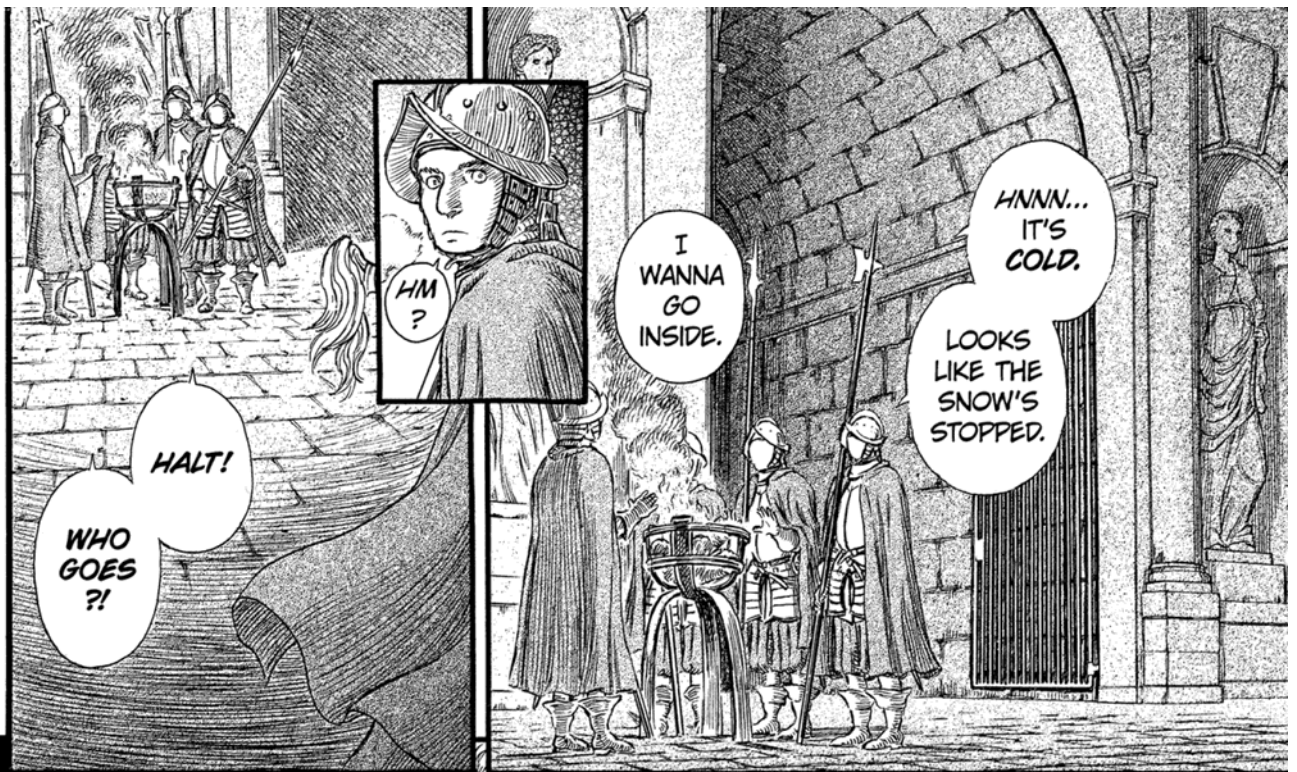


HOW
LOVELY,
THE
SCENT
OF THE
FORBIDDEN

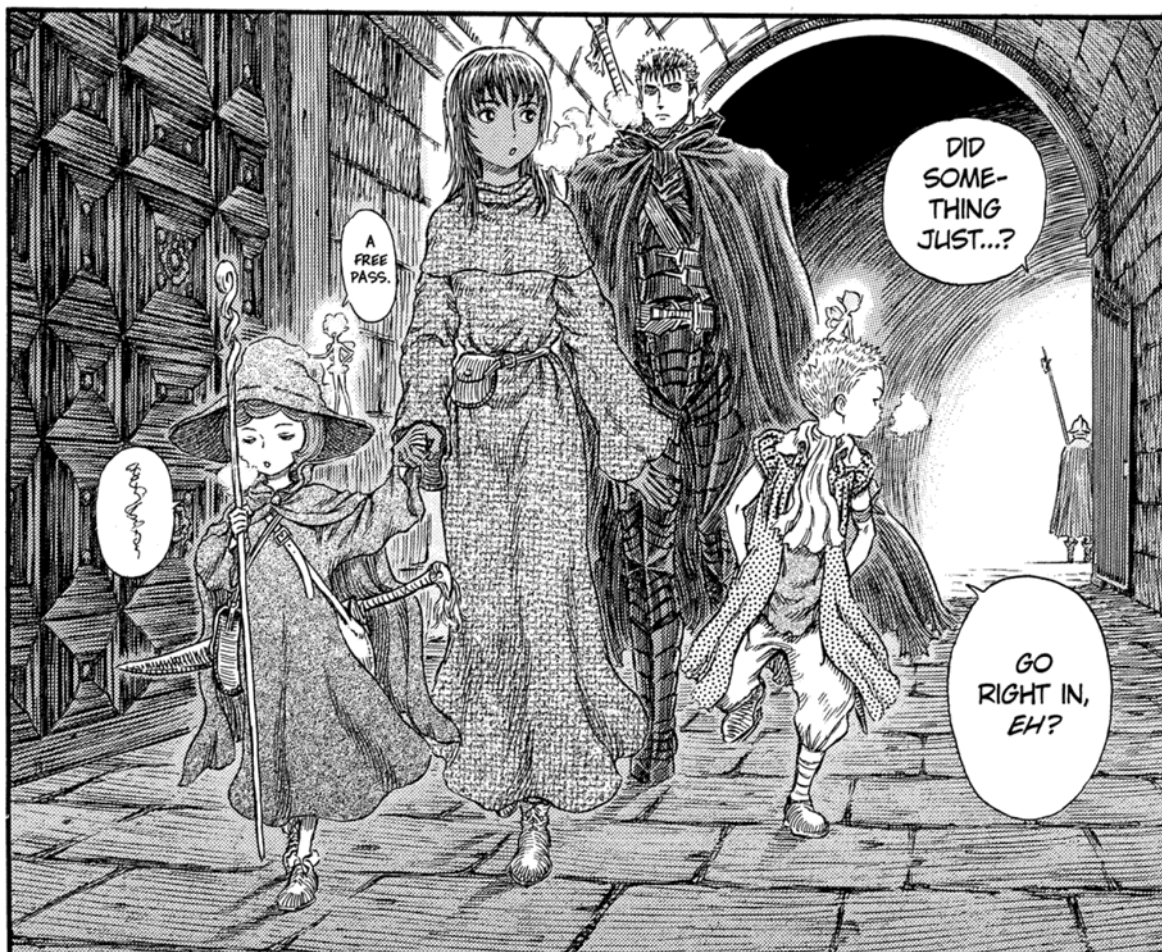
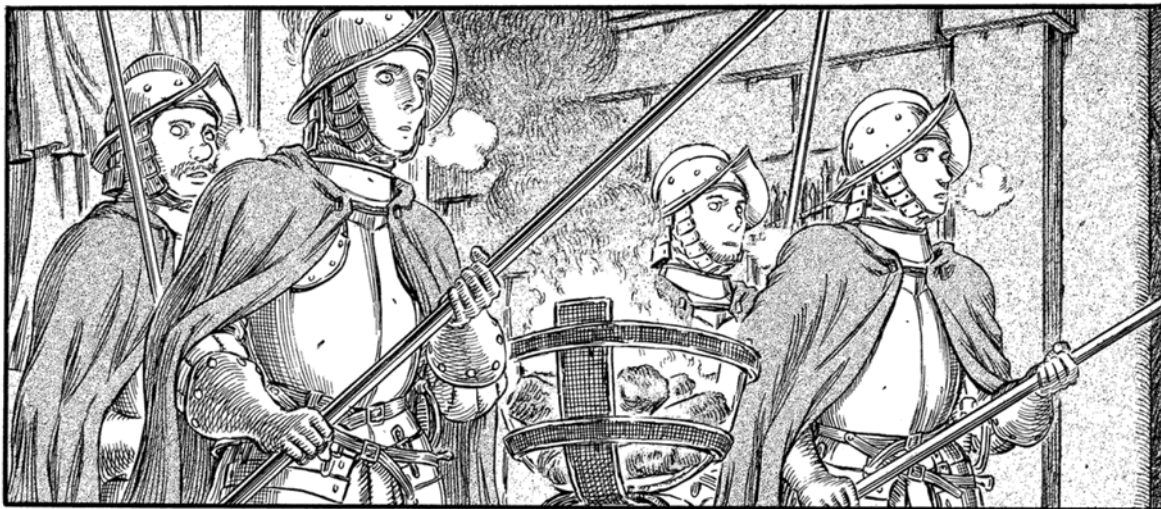
YOU WILL
CONTINUE
TO LOOK
AFTER HER,
THEN.

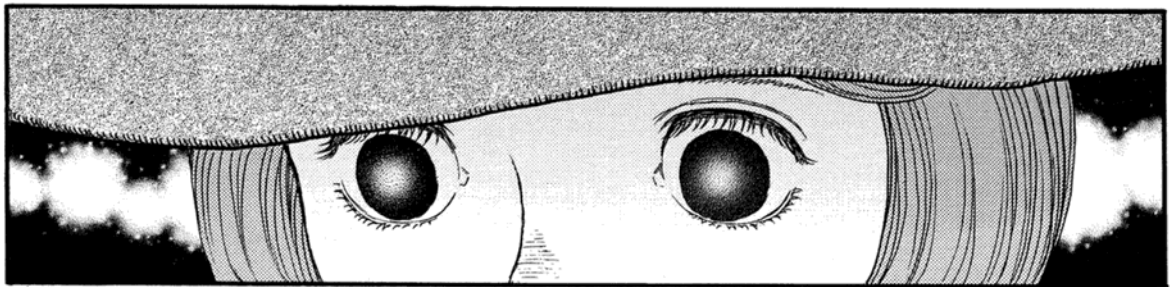
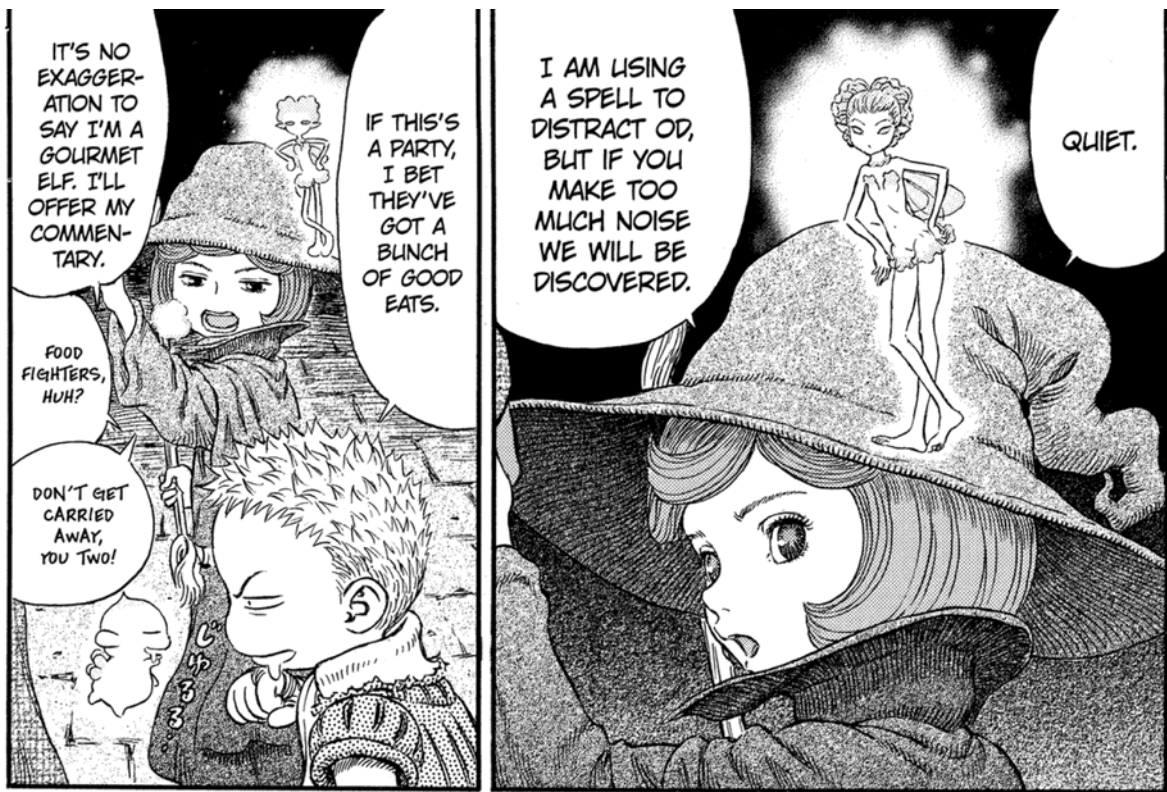


AGAIN?



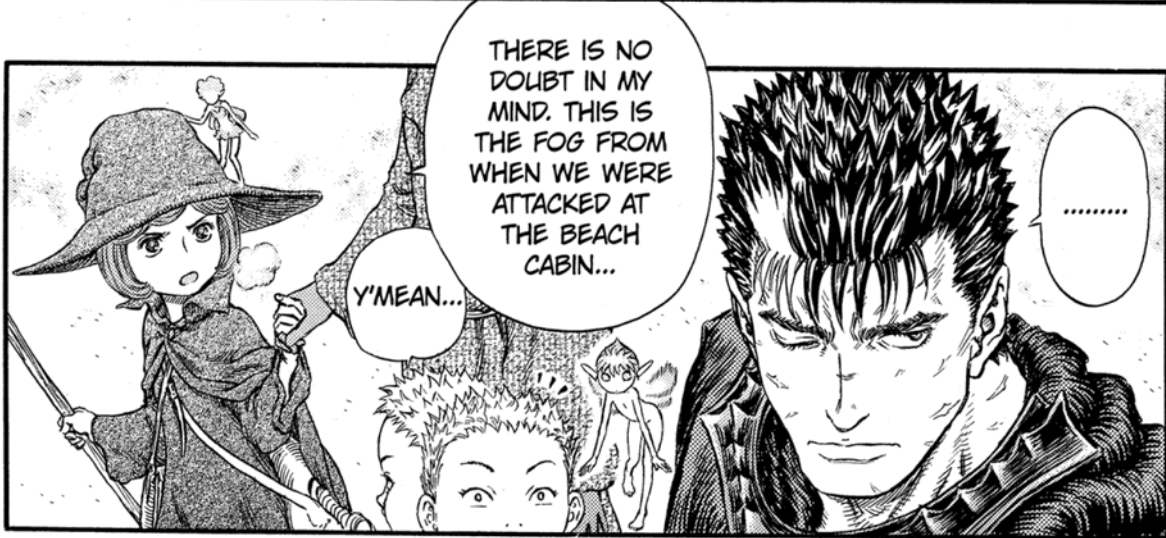
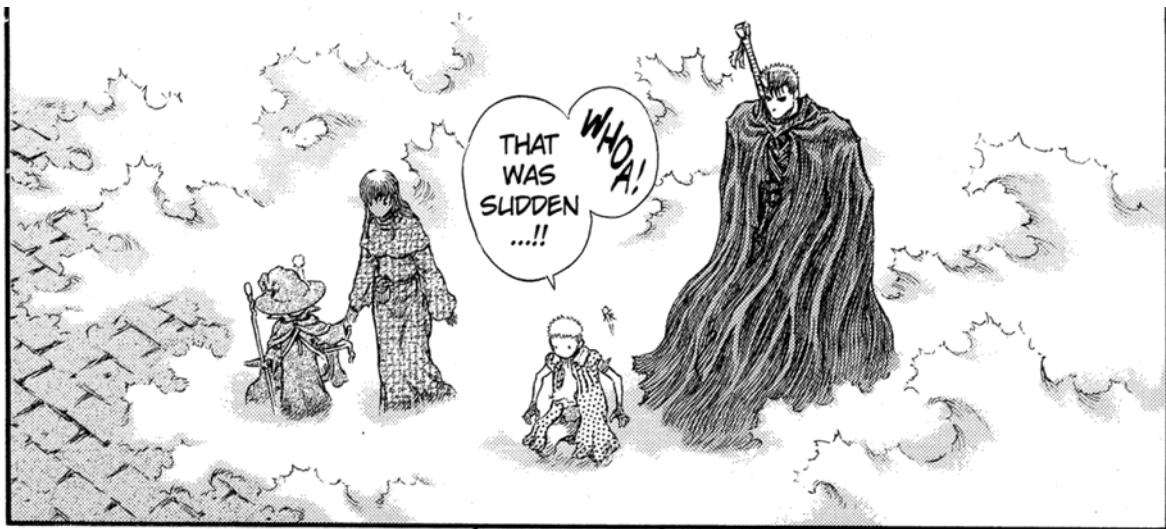
列柱の間 THE COLONNADE CHAMBER

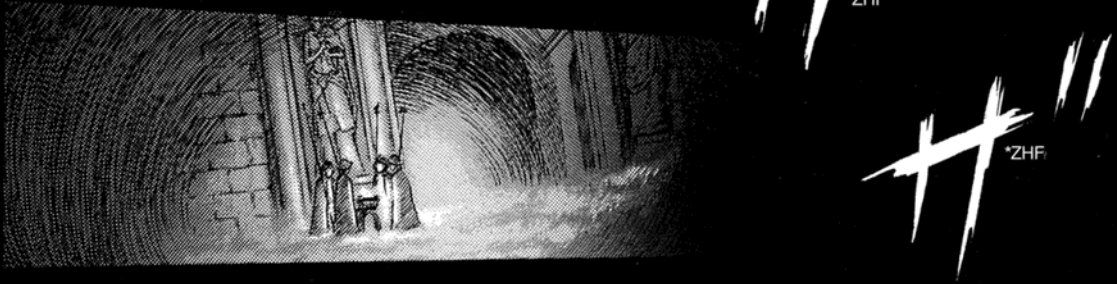


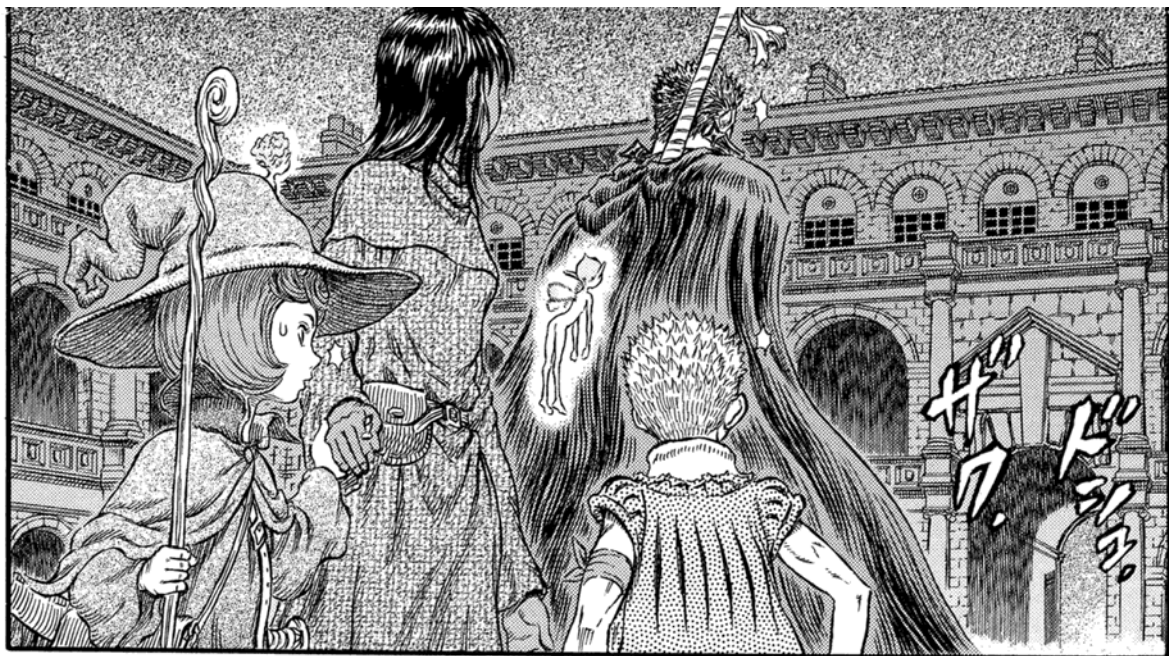


*FX: FWOOOOS



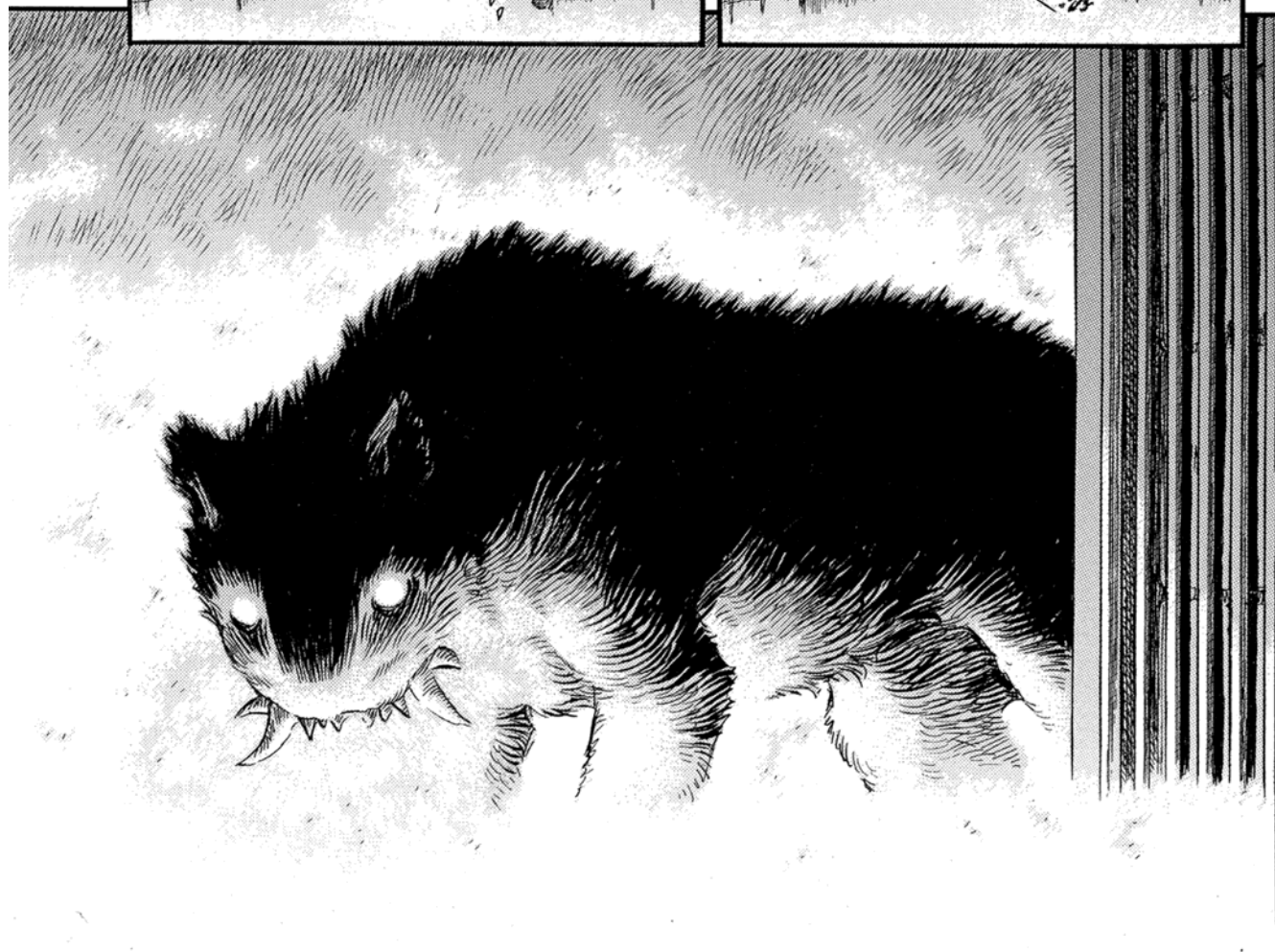
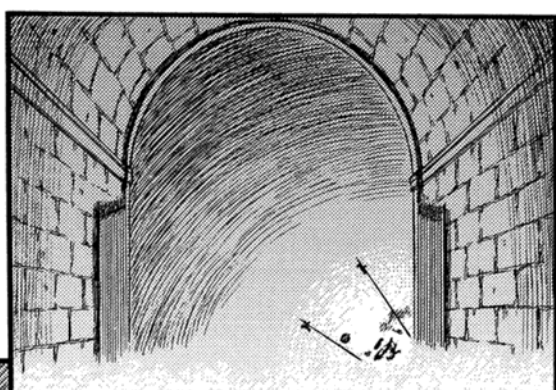


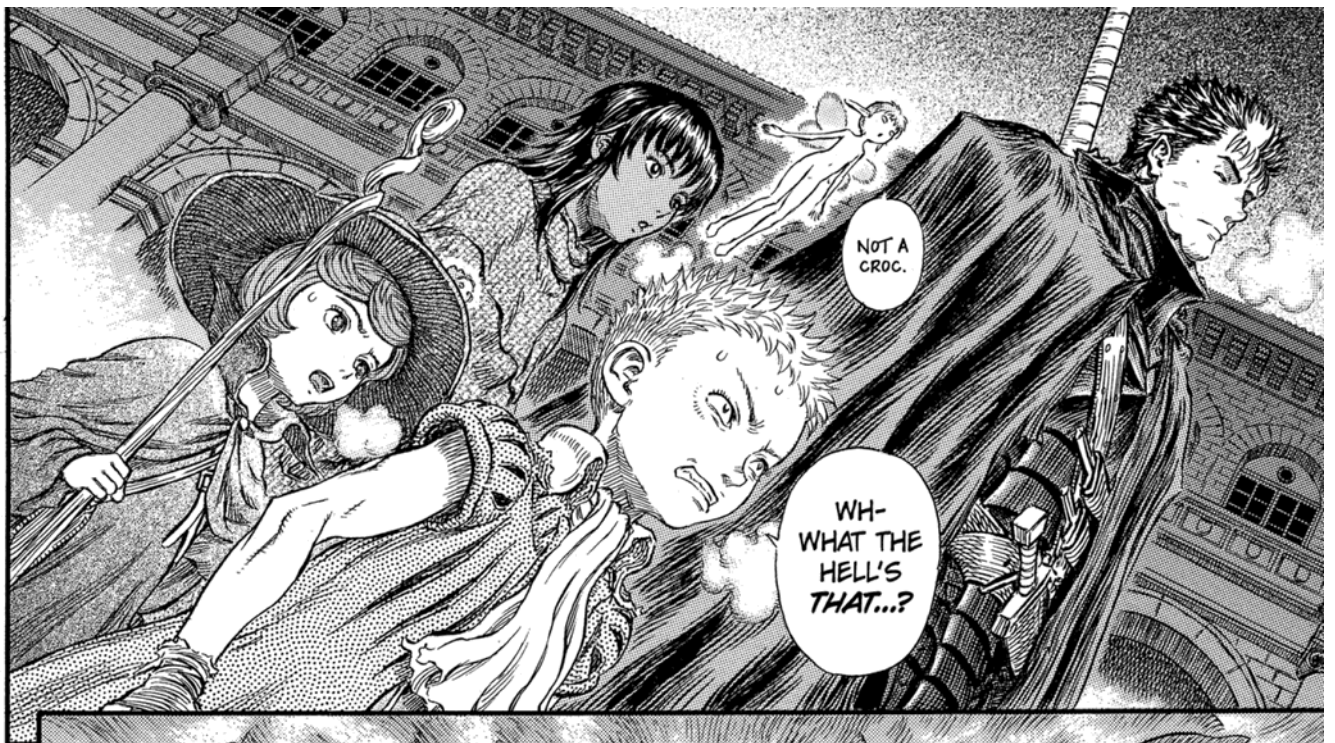




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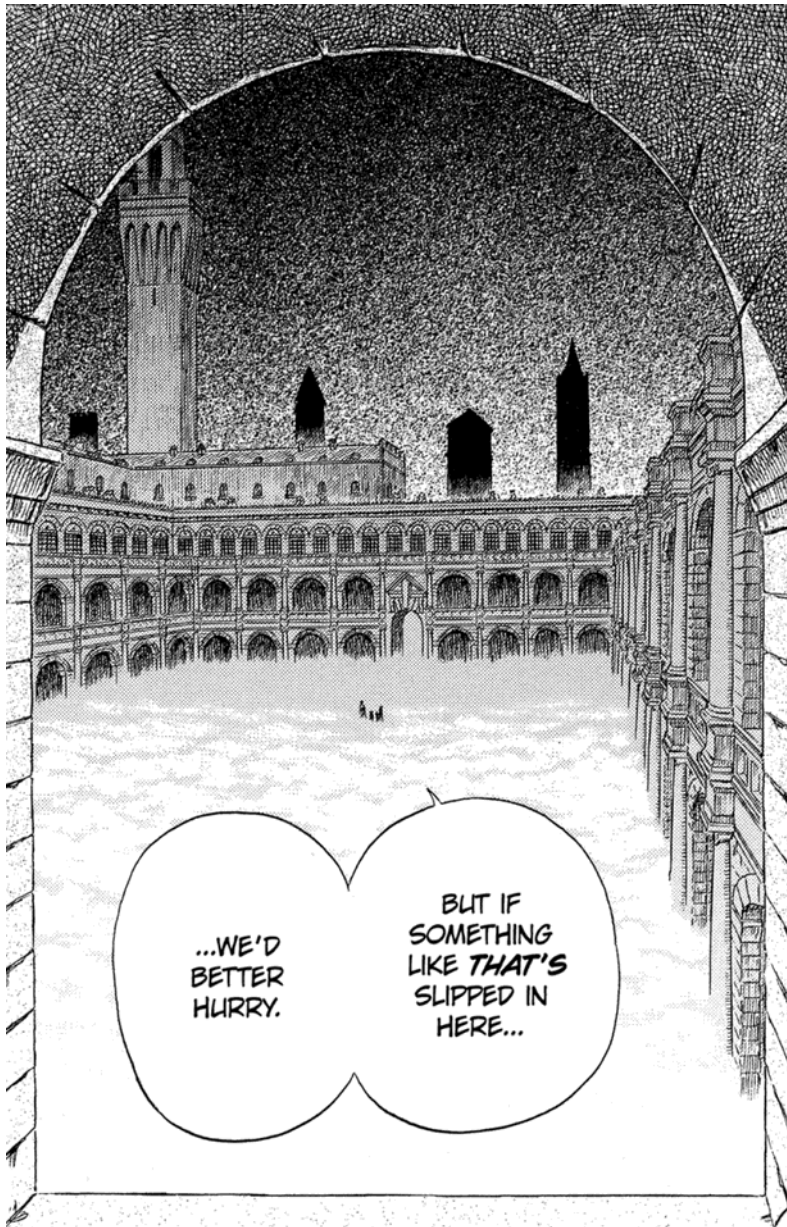
*FX: CHRNK SHROK





*FX: HHHHH





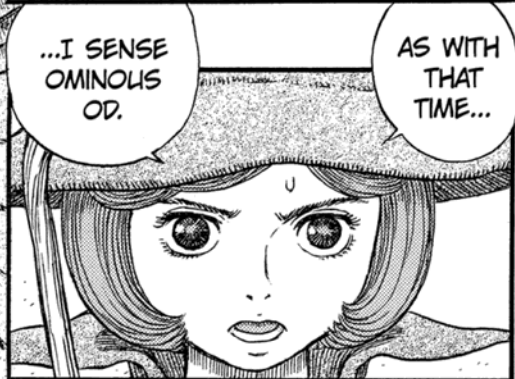
...WE'D
BETTER
HURRY.

BUT IF
SOMETHING
LIKE *THAT'S*
SLIPPED IN
HERE...



...I SENSE
OMINOUS
OD.

AS WITH
THAT
TIME...



IT'S
STRANGE.



YEAH,
IT JUST
RAN
PAST.

YOU'D
THINK SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT WOULD
COME ATTACK
US.

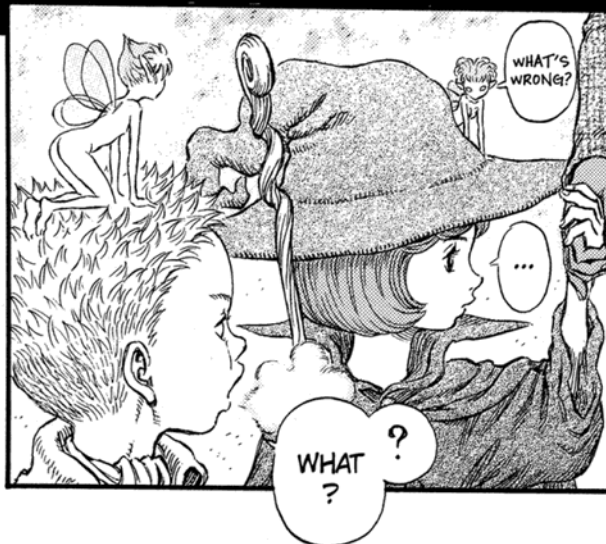
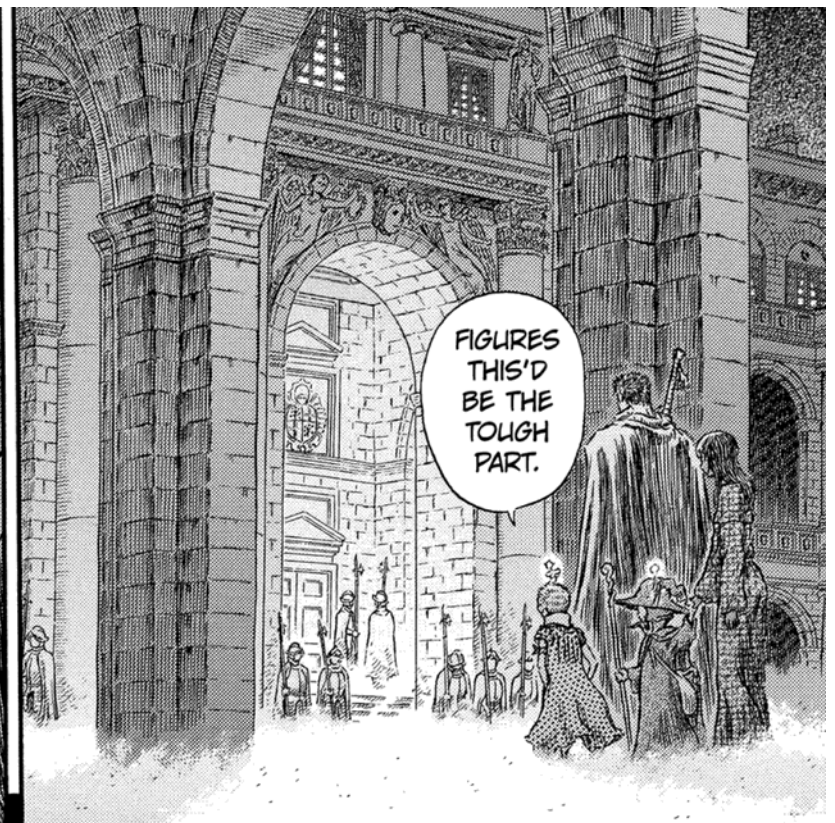


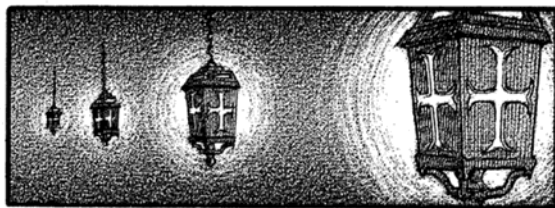
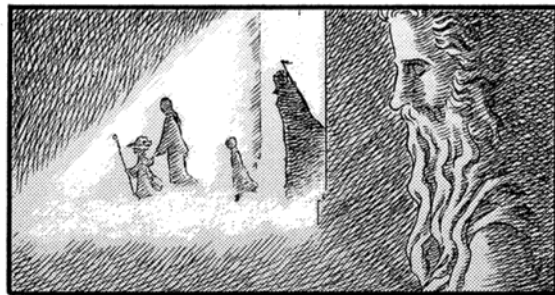
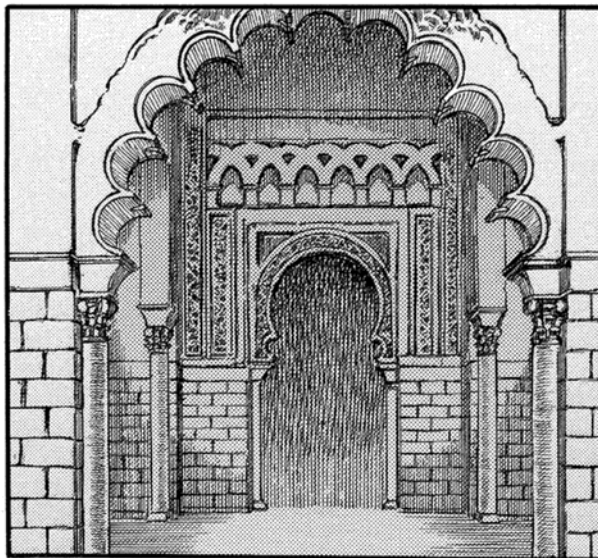
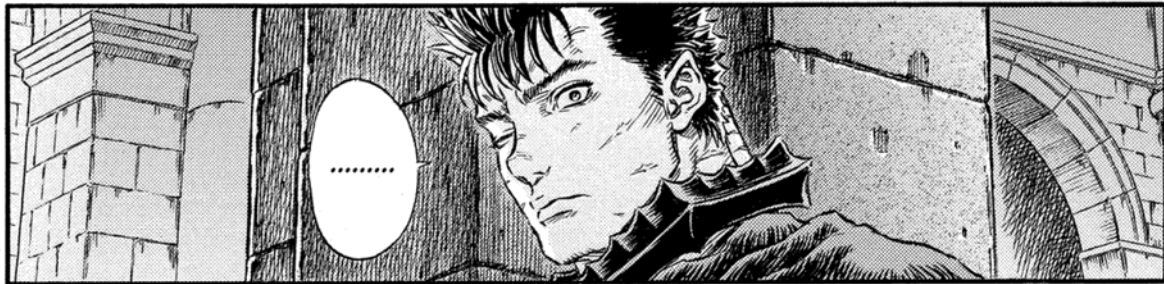
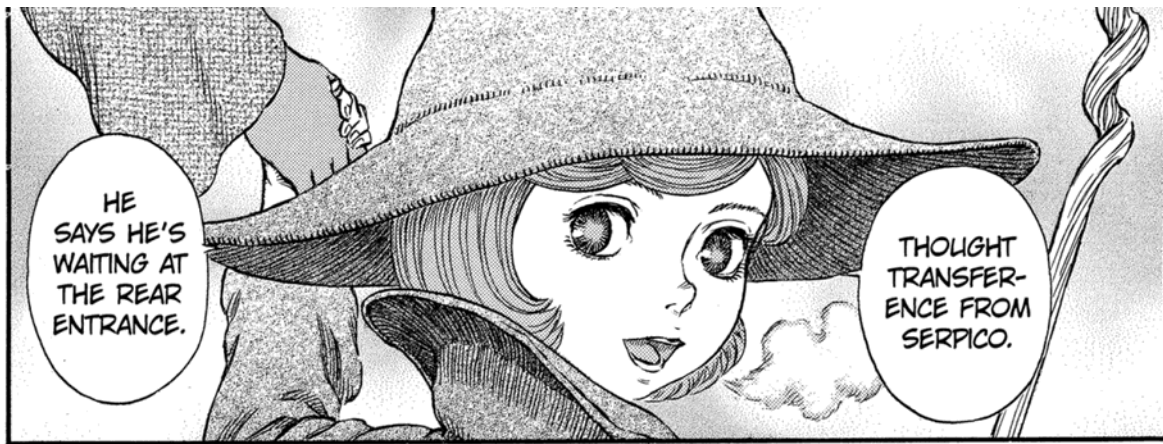
THANKS
TO THIS FOG,
THOUGH,
IT'S EASIER
FOR *US* TO
SLIP IN.

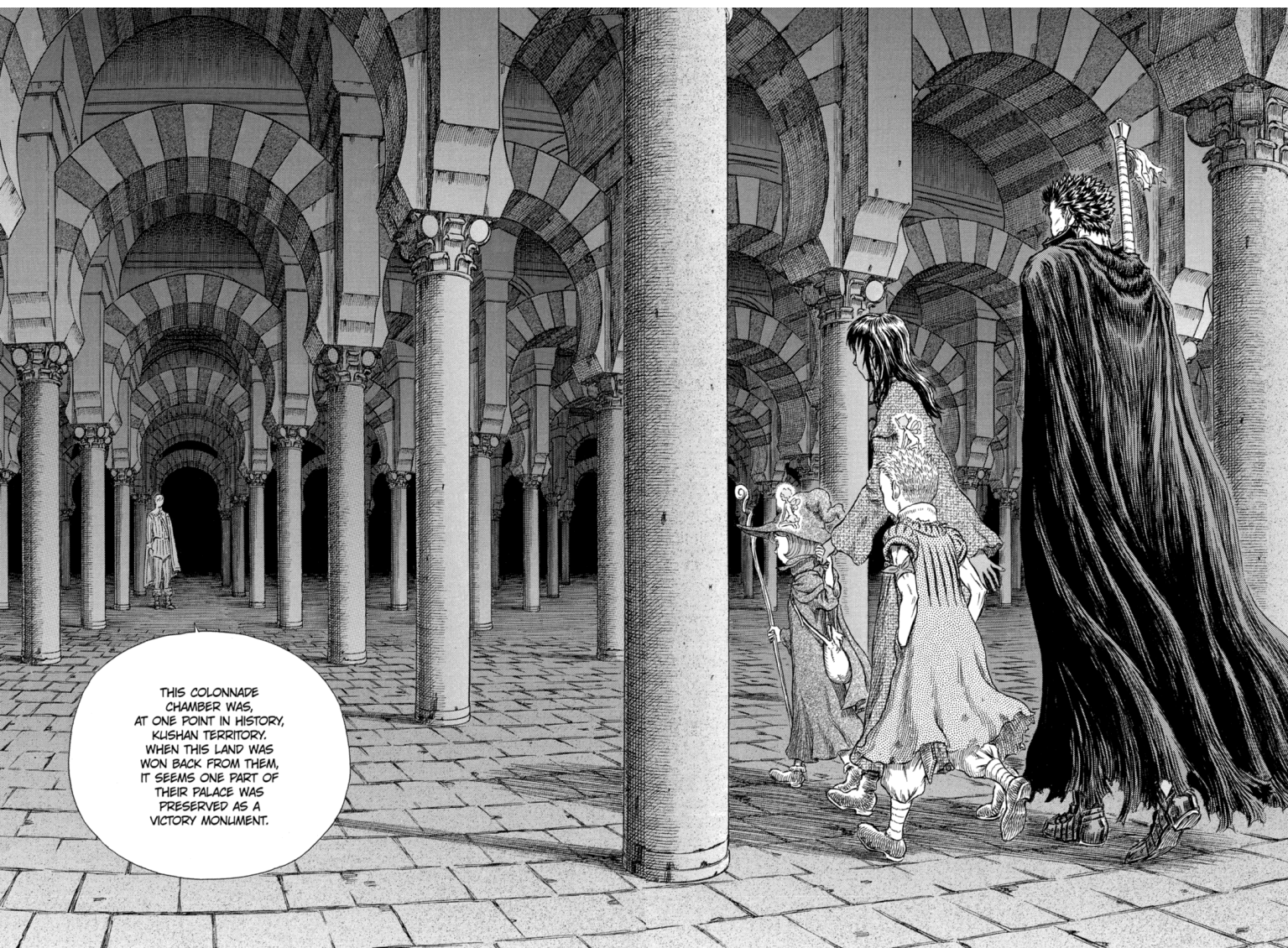
HEHEH



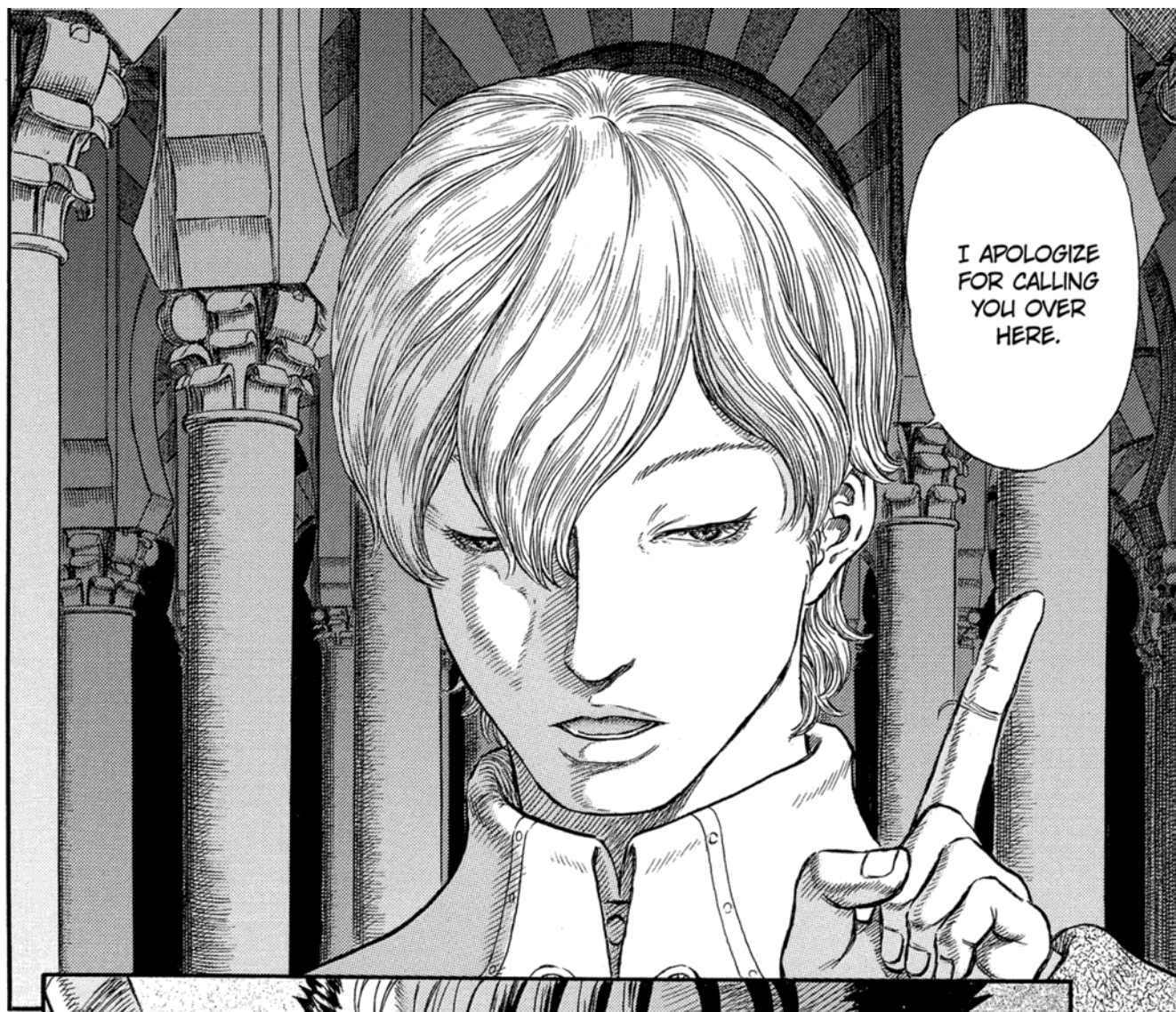
WHAT'S
ABOUT TO
HAPPEN
HERE?



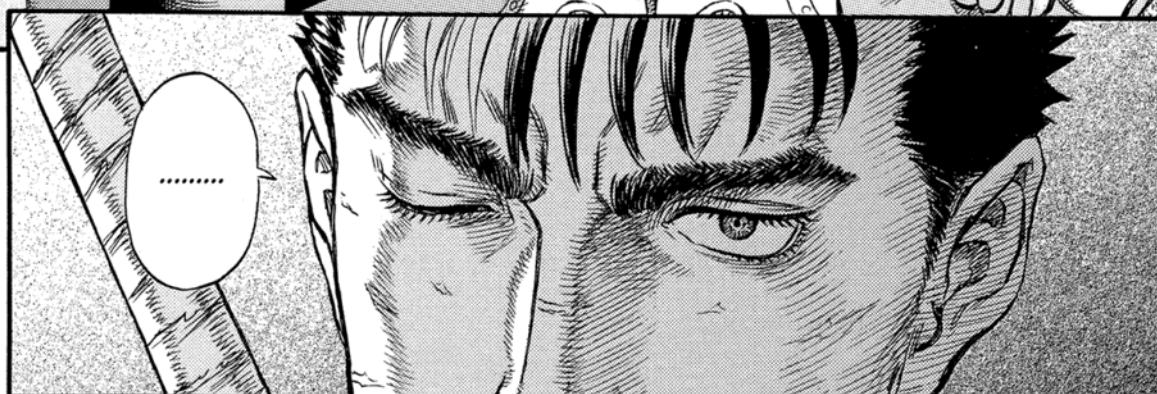




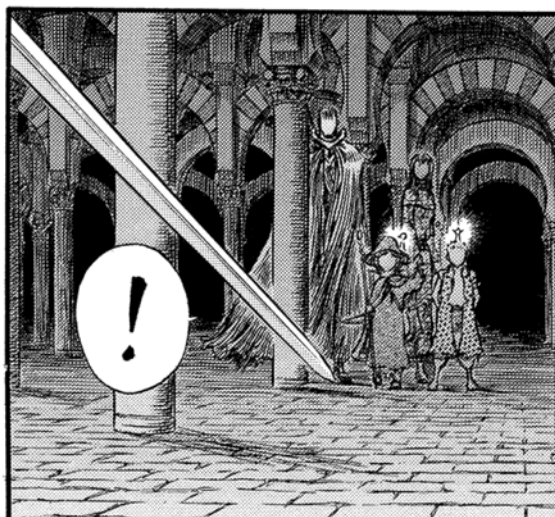
THIS COLONNADE
CHAMBER WAS,
AT ONE POINT IN HISTORY,
KUSHAN TERRITORY.
WHEN THIS LAND WAS
WON BACK FROM THEM,
IT SEEMS ONE PART OF
THEIR PALACE WAS
PRESERVED AS A
VICTORY MONUMENT.



I APOLOGIZE
FOR CALLING
YOU OVER
HERE.



.....



!



SERPICO.

WE HAVE
COME
TO SEE
FARNE--



GUTS.

THIS IS
PRESUMP-
TIOUS...

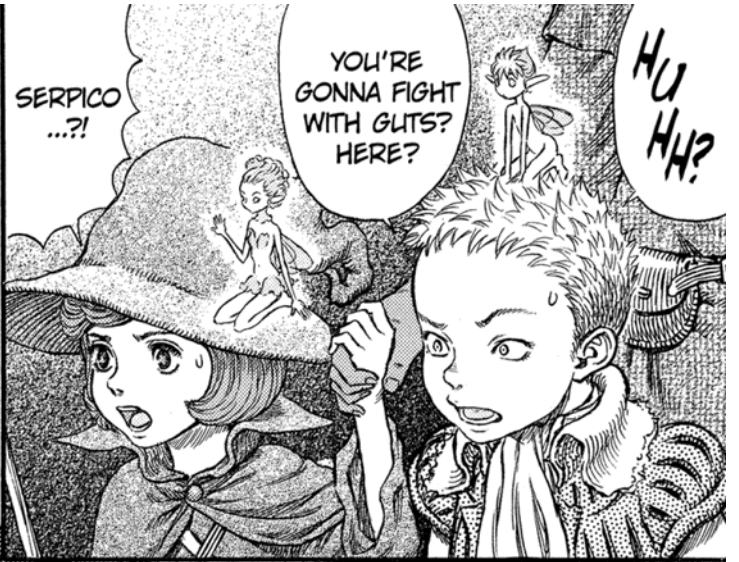
...AS I
WILL NOT
ALLOW
IT TO
HAPPEN.

THAT IS
UNFORTUNATE...

...BUT I
WILL GRANT
YOUR WISH
RIGHT HERE
AND NOW.



カチカチ
GCHAK



SERPICO
...?!

YOU'RE
GONNA FIGHT
WITH GLITS?
HERE?

HU
HH?

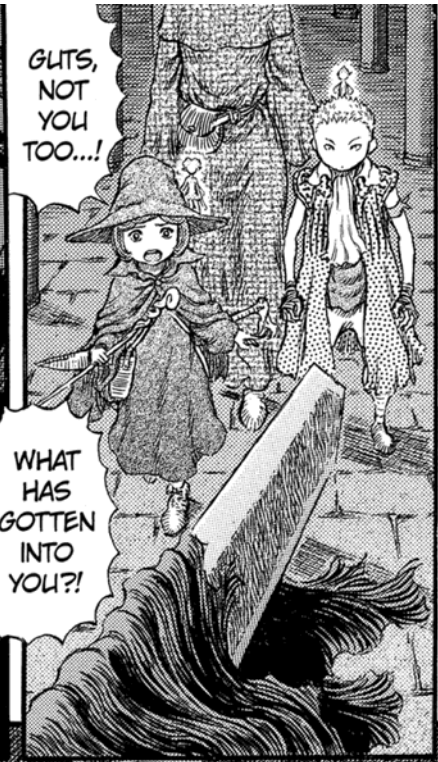


FINE.

*FLAPA

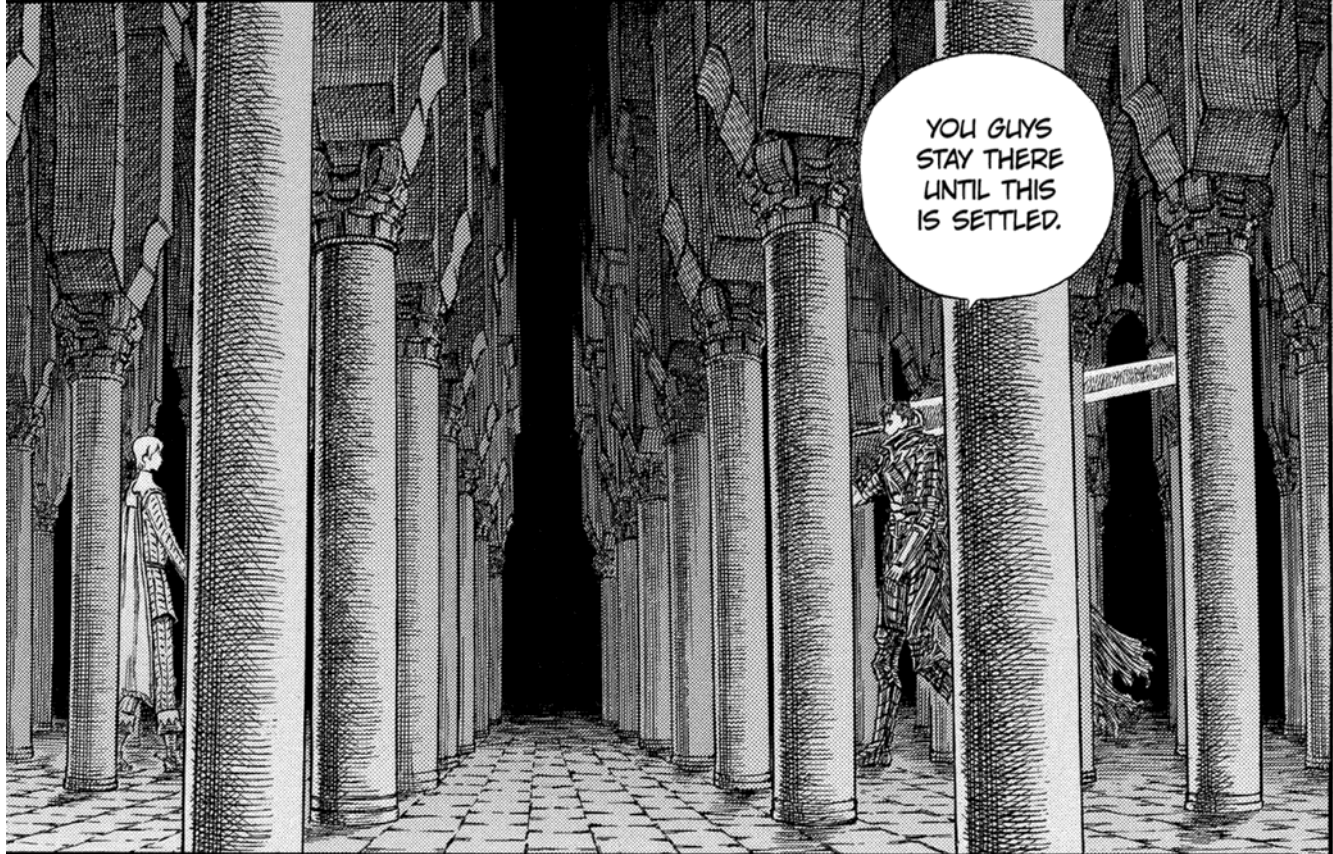


SOMETHING
WE CAN'T
LET GO OF,
I GUESS.



GLITS,
NOT
YOU
TOO...!

WHAT
HAS
GOTTEN
INTO
YOU?!



YOU GUYS
STAY THERE
UNTIL THIS
IS SETTLED.



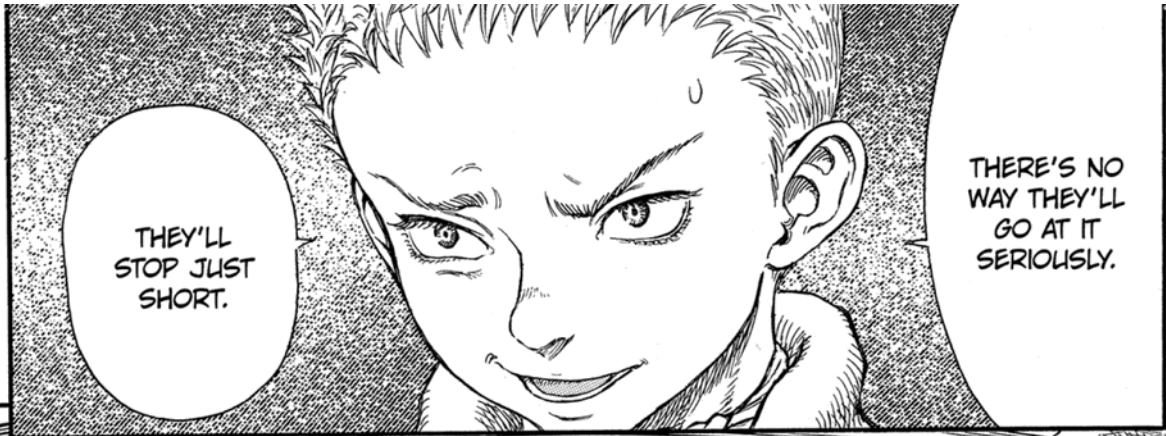
BUT...

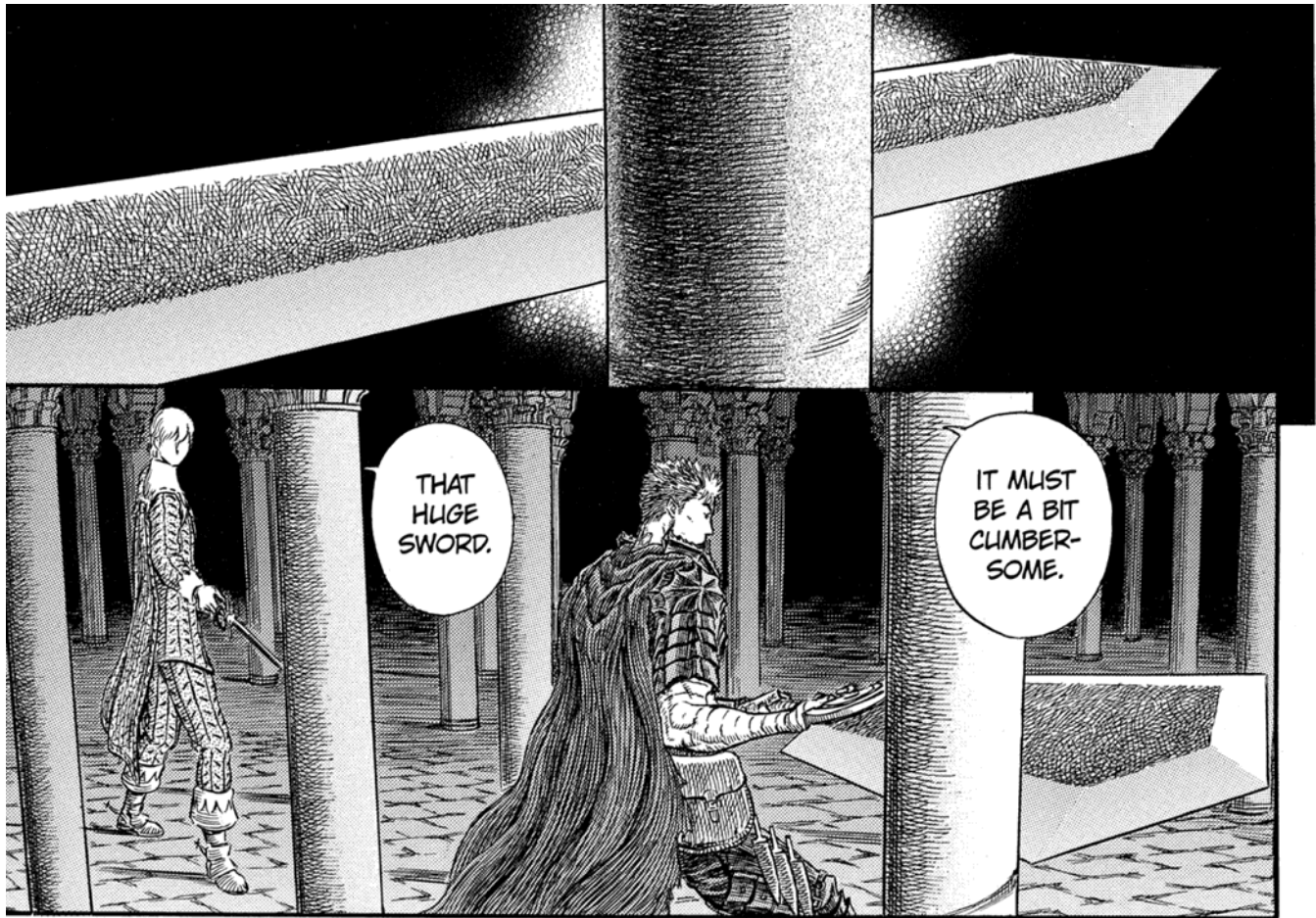
TWO MEN
FIGHTIN'
OVER A
WOMAN.
I MEAN ...
SCHIERKE,
YOU'RE
OUTTA
THE LOOP
HERE!

ONE GRAVE
GONNA BE
ENOUGH?

GRAVE
DIGGER OF
FEAR?

THERE'S
NOTHIN'
TO
WORRY
ABOUT.





THAT
HUGE
SWORD.

IT MUST
BE A BIT
CLUMBER-
SOME.



THE SPACE
BETWEEN THEM
IS NARROWER
THAN NORMAL,
AND THEIR
NUMBER IS
VAST.

THIS
COLONNADE
CHAMBER
IS KNOWN
AS THE
"FOREST OF
PILLARS."

I DO
HOPE YOU
UNDER-
STAND.

SOMETHING
TELLS ME
I WOULD
NOT WIN
AGAINST
YOU
HEAD-ON.

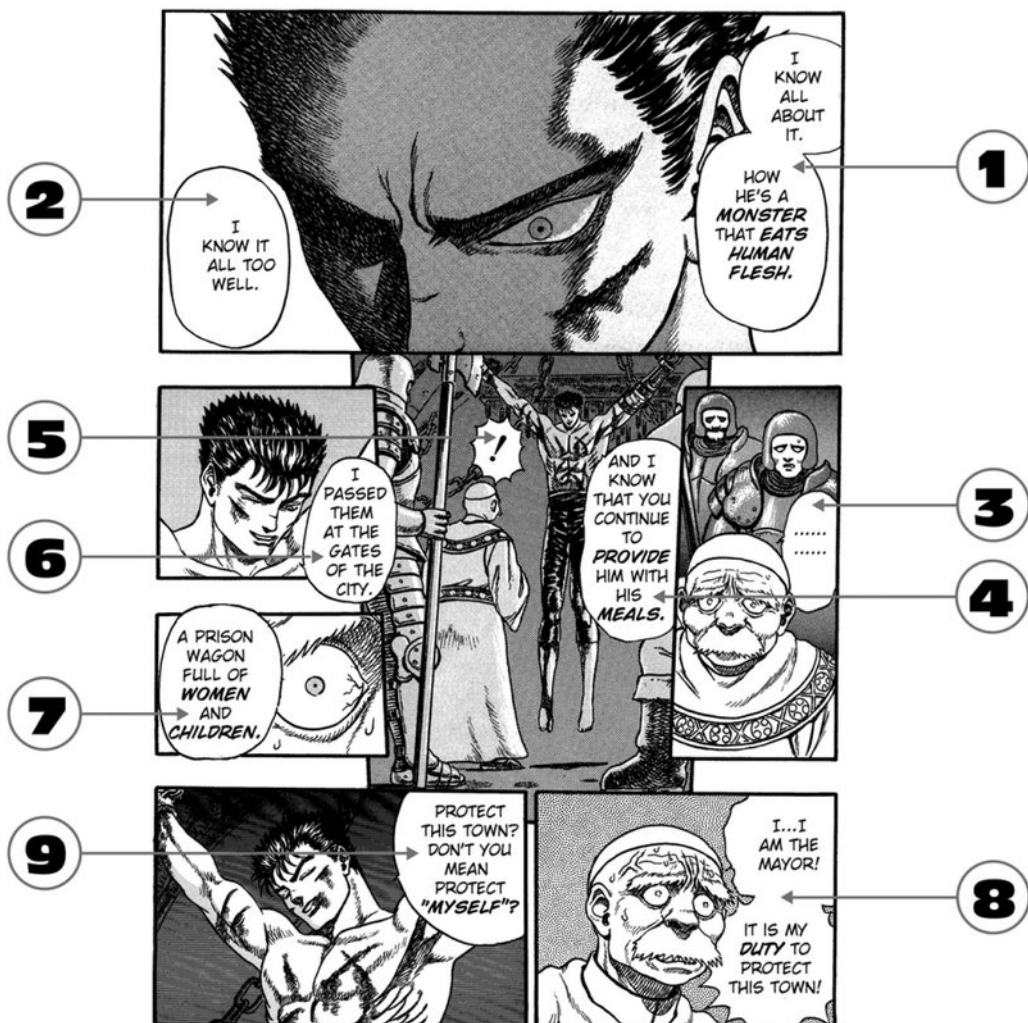




! STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
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Guts, the Black Swordsman, and his companions have finally broken free of the monster-infested wilderness and arrived at the port city of Vritannis. But the band finds out all too quickly that humans can be just as monstrous as the nightmarish creatures and apostles they battled in the forest. As Schierke and Isidro face off against pirate slavers, Farnese's power-hungry family tries to force her once again under the yoke of their political ambitions. The group's only hope is to find a ship out of the city, but even if they manage to secure a vessel, will everyone be free to leave?

Created by Kentaro Miura, *Berserk* is a howling manga tsunami, an epic graphic-fiction masterpiece that leaves no stone unturned and no blade unbloodied. A boiling blend of action, horror, and humor, *Berserk* is not for the faint of heart, the weak of knee, or the lily of liver. No Guts, no glory!

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